

STAFF GROUPS VOLTA RIVER AUTHORITY

October 29, 2024.

THE HON. MINISTER OF STATE
ENERGY MINISTRY
ACCRA.

Dear Sir,

RE: PETITION AGAINST THE PROPOSED MERGER OF VOLTA RIVER AUTHORITY (VRA) AND BUI POWER AUTHORITY (BPA) TO FORM THE "GHANA HYDRO AUTHORITY": MERGER OF THE NORTHERN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY (NEDCo) AND ELECTRICITY COMPANY OF GHANA (ECG) TO FORM THE "GHANA POWER DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY" AND THE SEPARATION OF VRA'S THERMAL ASSETS TO CREATE THE "GHANA THERMAL AUTHORITY"

The Leadership of the Volta River Authority Staff Groups respectfully writes following His Excellency the President's letter, forwarding our Petition with reference No. **OPS307/24/1052A** to you for your urgent comments and your subsequent meeting between the VRA Board, Management, and Staff Groups Leadership at the Electro-Volta (EV) Conference Room on Thursday, October 3, 2024. In the said meeting we respectfully advised that your office facilitates the withdrawal of the above merger bills from Parliament, prior to any possible meaningful engagement of the staff groups.

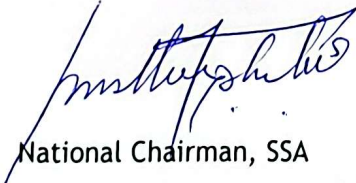
Subsequently, we have sighted a letter signed by your good self with reference No. **SCR/ZA.281/281/01B dated October 17, 2024**, to The Clerk of Parliament with the subject, "**Re: Request to Suspend Consideration of Gazetted Bills in Parliament**".

Although we are not copied, to remain true to our promise, and in commitment to the essential services that we provide, and in respect for your office, we write to notify you that we are partially suspending some of our actions, awaiting the total withdrawal of the bills.

We wish to reiterate our position and trust that you would use your good office to ensure a peaceful industrial atmosphere at the VRA and NEDCo.

Respectfully submitted, counting on your usual cooperation.

Signed:



National Chairman, SSA



Divisional Chairman, PSWU of TUC (Ghana)

Cc: H.E. The President
H. E. The Vice President
The Right Hon. Speaker of Parliament
Chief of Staff- Office of the President
Former President - H. E. John Agyekum Kufuor
Former President - H. E. John Dramani Mahama
Hon. Minister of State in Charge of Energy
Hon. Minister, National Security

Hon. Minister for Employment and Labour Relations
Hon. Minister for the Interior
Parliamentary Select Committee on Mines and Energy
VRA Board
Management of VRA
Chiefs of VRA impacted Traditional Councils
Secretary General of TUC (Gh.)
Public Services Workers Union of TUC (Gh.)
All Political Parties
All Civil Society Organizations (CSO)
All Media Houses

STAFF GROUPS VOLTA RIVER AUTHORITY

October 29, 2024.

TO: Members

PARTIAL SUSPENSION OF ACTIONS AGAINST THE PROPOSED MERGER OF VOLTA RIVER AUTHORITY (VRA) AND BUI POWER AUTHORITY (BPA) TO FORM THE "GHANA HYDRO AUTHORITY": MERGER OF THE NORTHERN ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY (NEDCo) AND ELECTRICITY COMPANY OF GHANA (ECG) TO FORM THE "GHANA POWER DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY" AND THE SEPARATION OF VRA'S THERMAL ASSETS TO CREATE THE "GHANA THERMAL AUTHORITY"

Comrades, we bring you warm felicitations.

The Leadership of the Volta River Authority Staff Groups met on Friday 25th October and decided to **suspend some of our actions against the above merger bills partially, as we await its total withdrawal from Parliament.**

Our decision follows a letter sighted and signed by the Hon Minister of State in Charge of the Energy Ministry, Herbert Krapa with the reference **SCR/ZA.281/281/01B dated October 17, 2024** to The Clerk of Parliament with the subject, **"Re: Request to Suspend Consideration of Gazetted Bills in Parliament"**.

Please recall in our last update on the above when we held a meeting with the Hon. Minister, VRA Board and Management, at the Electro-Volta (EV) Conference Room on Thursday, October 3, 2024, that we advised the Minister to withdraw the above merger bills from Parliament, and we would back down on our actions in protest of the bills.

Although we are not copied, to remain true to our promise, and in commitment to the essential services that we provide, we have notified the Hon. Minister that **we are partially suspending some of our actions, while we await a total withdrawal of the bills.** As such, until further notice, **we are suspending;**

- 1. The twice-weekly (Wednesdays and Fridays) Prayer meetings (Jericho March)**
- 2. The wearing of Red Arm Bands by Staff**

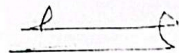
We shall, however, keep our Red Banners and Flyers hanging in all locations until a total withdrawal of the bills. Staff are also advised to be vigilant and inform leaders of any action(s) purported or intended to process the merger bills.

We have reiterated our position and we trust that the Hon. Minister would ensure a total withdrawal of the bills to enable us to completely withdraw our actions. Failure to which we shall advise ourselves in escalating our actions.

Signed:



National Chairman, SSA



Divisional Chairman, PSWU of TUC (Ghana)

**CC: The Minister of State, Energy Ministry
The Chief Executive, VRA
The Managing Director, NEDCo
The General Secretary PSWU of TUC Ghana**