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## Interview with Engr. T. S. G. Wudil on Electricity Regulation

*Engr. T. S. G. Wudil, MNSE, is a member of the Nigerian Society of Engineers and IEEE. He works with the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission as a Senior Manager, Networks. That is, transmission and distribution standards monitoring.*



Engr. T. S. G. Wudil

**E-Newsletter:** *What can you tell us about electricity regulation?*

**Engr. Wudil:** Electricity Regulation is quite new. Before now the electricity regulation was done by the Ministry and the utility supplier. We have just started and I believe we are going to succeed in time come.

**E-Newsletter:** *In the area of Electricity Regulations, what are the challenges and what are the successes?*

**Engr. Wudil:** Let me start with the successes. The success is that you have someone to listen to you when you have problems with the utility supply. You can go to the commission and make your complain. The challenge is that, it is difficult to regulate an entity that is owned by the government.

**E-Newsletter:** *What do you advice the Nigerian users of the utility and what is the approach to complain to the regulatory body?*

**Engr. Wudil:** The approach is simple. If you have complain the first place to go is the utility provider because the utility provider may not know the problem if you have not contacted them. So if you officially contact them and if it is not resolved then you go a step further. We have set out rules and regulations on complains. Once you do that there is a next level which is the electricity forum. Electricity forum is a body of professionals which the Nigerian Society of Engineers is always represented all over the country. The first one we inaugurated was the Eket electricity forum. We give prominence to professionalism. In the forum when we are discussing electricity, there are different representatives from religious leaders, opinion leaders, NGOs, Manufacturers Association of Nigeria, etc. It is only when the forum cannot resolve a case that it comes to the commission. Presently there are places without the forum. We have only two, Ikeja and Eket forum. We have not established the others. You can come to the commission after the distribution company has failed to resolve your problems, you can come to us. We have been resolving issues on and on and on and it has been amicable. You can log on to our website which is [www.nercng.org](http://www.nercng.org). All our regulations pass through public consultations. We pass them through professionals to respond and give us inputs. We do not sit down in the comfort of our office and write regulations. They must pass through the stakeholders. We had to identify stakeholders to liaise with and come up with good regulations.

**E-Newsletter:** *Thank you very much sir.*

## Appointments



**Engr. A. I. Olorufemi, FNSE** (Deputy President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers) has been appointed as the Chairman of Finance and General Purpose Board of the Nigerian Society of Engineers.



**Engr. V. I. Agberagba, FNSE**, (Vice President) has been appointed to be in charge of Corporate Services of the Nigerian Society of Engineers.

**Engr. Otis Anyaeji, FNSE**, (Vice President) has been appointed to be in charge of Professional Development of the Nigerian Society of Engineers.



**Engr. A. O. Mokuolu, FNSE**, (Vice President) has been appointed to be in charge of Membership Services of the Nigerian Society of Engineers.



NSE PH Branch Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday 3rd January 2013 at the branch secretariat. The meeting was chaired by the branch chairman Engr. Denis Dania, MNSE.



Kelechi Ugorji's wedding at Methodist Theological Institute (MTI), Umuahia, Abia State on 30th December, 2012. In attendance were Washington Uwowa (left), Engr. Emmanuel Idoni-boye, Engr. Mrs. Chinwe Okoronkwo (2nd right) & Engr. Humphrey Amadi (right) who is the branch Welfare Secretary.

Members of the Nigerian Society of Engineers would be nominated to serve in the following boards and committees:

### LIST OF COUNCIL BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- 1.a. ABUJA NEC IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
- b. ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD
- c. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
- d. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
- e. NIGERIAN CONTENT
- f. ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK
- g. INFRASTRUCTURE
- h. WEBSITE/EDITORIAL BOARD/LIBRARY & INFOTECH
- i. WOMEN IN ENGINEERING
- 2.a. FINANCES & GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD
- b. FINANCE & BUDGET MONITORING
- c. INVESTMENT & PROPERTIES
- 3.a. CORPORATE RESOURCES & MEDIA BOARD
- b. CONFERENCE PLANNING
- c. APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION & DISCIPLINARY
- d. PROGRAMMES & PUBLICITY
- e. EDITORIAL BOARD "NIGERIAN ENGINEER"
- 4.a. MEMBERSHIP BOARD
- b. ADMISSION
- c. WELFARE
- d. YOUNG ENGINEERS DEVELOPMENT
- 5.a. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
- b. TECHNICAL PROGRAMMES
- c. ENGINEERING REGULATIONS & MONITORING [ERM]
- d. CODES & STANDARDS
- e. EXAMINATIONS
- f. CONTINUING EDUCATION & TRAINING
- g. PREVENTION, INVESTIGATION & FAILURE ANALYSIS
- h. AWARDS & ENDOWMENT
- i. EDITORIAL BOARD OF TECHNICAL TRANSACTION JOURNAL

The nominations would be made before the end of January 2013.

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