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# **REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR A SECONDARY NATURAL GAS MARKET FOR GHANA**

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# Role of the Energy Commission

- Energy Commission –
  - Established under Act 541, 1997
  - To plan, regulate, manage and develop energy supply and utilisation in Ghana.

## Functions of the Energy Commission -1

- According to the enabling legislation, the EC's main functions are:
  - to advise the Minister on national policies for the efficient economical and safe supply of electricity, natural gas and petroleum products having due regard to the national economy
  - Prepare, review and update periodically indicative national plans to ensure that all reasonable demands for energy are met;
  - Secure comprehensive data base for national decision making the extent of development and utilisation of energy resources available to the nation;



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## Functions of the Energy Commission-2

- Receive and assess applications, and grant licences under Act 541 to public utilities for the transmission, wholesale supply, distribution and sale of electricity and natural gas;
- Establish and enforce in consultation with the PURC, standards of performance for public utilities engaged in the transmission, wholesale supply, distribution and sale of electricity and natural gas;
- Promote and ensure uniform rules of practice for the transmission, wholesale supply, distribution and sale of natural gas; pursue and ensure strict compliance with this Act and regulations under this Act; and
- Perform other function assigned to it under this Act or any other enactment.





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## Other Collaborating Agencies

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Ghana National Fire Service
- Ghana Standards Board
- Department of Town and Country Planning
- Ghana Highway Authority





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## legislations

- Rules of Practice for Natural Gas Public Utilities
- Standards of Performance for Natural Gas Public Utilities
- Safety Regulations



## Types of licences to be issued

- Wholesale supply licences (Several)
- Transmission Licence (One)
- Distribution Franchise licences (several)



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## Gas Market Outlook

- Industrial and Commercial Operations
- Power Plants
- Mineral Processing
- Residential Sector







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# We will say more later

## Thank You

