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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Monrovia, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022:** The Board of Commissioners (BoC) of the Liberia Electricity Regulatory Commission (LERC) has described the Liberia Electricity Corporation's (LEC) massive load shedding in its operational areas as unacceptable and calls on LEC Management to set into motion remedies to address the electricity generation nightmare.

This load shedding being carried out by LEC as observed is in violation of the minimum service levels in Schedule Two (2) of the Customer Service and Quality of Supply Regulations (CSQOSR), which ensures that duration of outages cannot exceed eight hours and therefore the commission directs LEC to take urgent steps to curtail these load shedding.

LERC recalls that during LEC tariff application review process, the Commission, on numerous occasions, expressed concerns about the seasonal variations impacting Mount Coffee power generation capacity especially during the Dry Season, to which LEC assured the LERC that effective January 2022, it would have sufficient fuel stock to generate 29.4 MW from the Bushrod Thermal Plant complemented by power imports via the Transco-CLSG arrangements during the Dry Season.

The LERC considers LEC's action as a complete disregard of the Commission's regulatory authority and reminds LEC of the necessary actions at the Regulator's disposal consistent with the 2015 Electricity Law of Liberia and applicable regulations.

LERC wishes to assure the public of its unrelenting commitment to ensure that licensed operators adhere to the terms and conditions of their licenses and applicable regulations.

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