APPENDIX 3 – MINUTES OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS
Resettlement Action Plan
Community Meeting – Congo Cross Bridge And Tengbeh Town Area
30/03/2004

This meeting was held in the Chief’s compound. It was a well-attended meeting of 53 people including the Chief and other divisional heads in the community. The composition of the meeting was that there were 36 men and 17 women.

Having discussed the purpose of the survey, the direct economic and social impact, the rational of the Power Project, these were the reactions, suggestions and recommendations from the community.

1. Mr. Maligie Koroma: with respect to government pronouncement that people living in these communities are poor, his reaction was that people must have acquired more wealth over the years they’ve stayed in the community.

2. Mr. Mustapha Gombie: according to him, they must redo the survey because there wasn’t a wide publicity for the survey. He added that government should really look into this Project in order not to disturb the affected population and that houses should be built before the relocation.

3. Sheik Abdul Karim Kamara: for him, there is no development without consequences. His major concern was that if part of the property were affected, what would the compensation look like? That is, whether the compensation process will only cater for the partly affected property or the entire property. He added that the time to execute this Project is very short (18 months). Lastly, there was a concern as to how transparent would the compensation process be.

4. Mr. Mohamed Amara: his question was what would be the fate of tenants who have invested on the land?

5. Mr. Victor Gording: what is the resettlement procedure going to be like?

6. Mr. Ali Kamara: he showed skepticism about the viability of this Project (relocation) especially from the government.

7. Mr. Abdul Bangura: his question was whether it would be possible for the affected people to suggest a proposed site for relocation or it is left with the government to decide?

8. Mr. Dennis Collier: suggested that the affected people should have representative/s in the committee responsible for relocation. He also suggested that the religious leaders be part of the committee.
Other suggestions were:

1. The use of insulated cables to avoid radiation.
2. The relocation of the sub-station for the 161 kV line.
3. There should be a representative from the community to be part of the meeting on Thursday.
4. Suggest that the relocation process must be honest and transparent.

Resettlement Action Plan
Community Meeting- Crab Town Community, Ascension Town Area
30/03/2004

This meeting was held in a favorable atmosphere, it was well attended, with a total of 49 people attending, 10 of whom were women.

Having discussed the purpose of the survey, the direct economic and social impact, the rational of the Project, these were the reactions, suggestions and recommendation from the community.

1. **Wosie S. Sesay**: he said that he was happy for the resettlement program because of their safety and they had already had a prior meeting with regards to this issue. His main concern was if they were going to have the facilities that they had prior the relocation.

2. **Abu Bakarr Gbankay**: acknowledged that as long as the development was for them (citizens) and the country they were ready since they can't go against the decision of the government.
   However, his concerns were:
   a. What would be the fate of those without legal land documents?
   b. What was government’s decision on the relocation program?

3. **Korero Bangura**: his concern was what would the situation be like between the land lord and land users if the relocation takes place and suppose you are relocated to some place far from your work place?

4. **Alfred A Thullah**: what will be the fate of those tenants who have paid rents for houses and these rents had not expired before the relocation began?

5. **Dauda Salieu Sankoh**: suppose the power line cuts and falls on individuals or vehicles that are stuck in traffic?

6. **Isatu Turay**: suggested that the cable be moved to somewhere else where there were less structures.

7. **Elijah Gomez**: if a land lord/land owner can request to be relocated to some other place of his/her choice, especially a land that he or she owns.

8. **John Turay**: what is the specific duration of the relocation program?
Resettlement Action Plan
Congo Valley, Red Pump Community- Cantonment Area
31/03/2003

The meeting started at about 10:00 am at no. 32 red pump, Congo valley at the Chief’s house. A total of 20 people attended the meeting, 3 of whom were women.

Having discussed the purpose of the survey, the direct economic and social impact, the rational of the Power Project, these were the reactions, suggestions and recommendation from the community.

1. Musa Conteh: asked whether there was no alternative arrangement for the relocation of the distribution station outside Freetown.
2. Sima Conteh: asked whether there was no provision to pass the line underground.

He also asked if the Government was going to compensate the affected people within the 18 months speculated by them.

3. Sima Dumbuya: whether the compensation package was going to involve all the different apartments owned by the individual. Can land be compensated even if there is no structure?
4. Hassan Conteh: how reliable is the government?
5. Sayo Samura: what would be his fate of a structure, which he has developed over the years even though he is not the owner?
6. Alimamy Koroma: what if the structures are taken down and there is no compensation?
7. Sorie Kamara: during the erection of towers, plantations and trees were cut down with promises made that the owners would be compensated, this never happened. What guarantee is there that when it comes to houses, they would be compensated?
8. Sima Kamara: who is going to suggest the amount of compensation, the owner or government?
9. Hassan conteh: what would be the fate of those who own unfinished structures? Is the compensation money taxable?

Resettlement Action Plan
Sumaila Town Area, Leicester Road Community
31/03/2004
The meeting started at 15:00, the meeting was opened by the Area Chairman.

Having discussed the purpose of the survey, the direct economic and social impact, the rational of the Project, these were the reactions, suggestions and recommendation from the community.

Pa Abu Samura, Chairman, asked the people to listen carefully to what they were going to be told and ask whatever questions they had to ask.

1. **Momoh Kargbo**: asked what was going to be the fate of those who were not around to answer questions during the survey.

2. **Samuel Bangura**: asked if the survey was announced before it actually started, because he does not believe if they actually got thorough information the survey commenced. He further went on to ask the estimate of the time frame to implement the relocation program.

3. **Abu Bangura**: asked about the fate the tenants in the time of compensation.

4. **Idrissa Manso Bangura and Imam Alimamy Bangura**: wanted to know if they will be affected if only a small portion of the house is to be demolished.

5. **Isatu Kabba (Mrs.)**: asked about the land that has not yet been developed.
APPENDIX 4 – MINUTES OF INTER MINISTRY MEETING
Minutes From the Presentation at the NPA
1st April 2004

The presentation started with silent prayers. The General Manager of the NPA Mr. Foday Manah opened the meeting by giving an overview of the power line that were started by the European Union which was not completed because of the rebel incursion. He went on to talk about the sponsorship of the World Bank to complete the power line (161 kV and 33 kV). He then gave the floor to Mr. Paul Willcott (the consultant) to explain to the audience about his survey.

Mr. Willcott started by explaining the scope of work by mainly talking about those affected by the power lines. He talked about the general terms of the World Bank i.e. all those affected should be compensated before funding can released by the World Bank for the Project implementation. He said that 1444 people would be affected for the 33 kV line since it has an easement of 10m. He said for the 161 kV line 1764 people will be affected. He further went on to say that the 161 kV has a more serious impact than the 33 kV line. He touched on the valuation of the houses with 115 houses to be touched in the case of the 161 kV line with a total surface area of 16000m² and 14000m² for the 33 kV with 153 houses touched. Mr. Wilcot also talked about the cost of the floor/m² i.e.$100(US)/m² of floor.

Mr. Elvis Koroma a member of the consulting team explained to the audience how the survey was conducted i.e. measurements, questionnaires etc. Mr. Mohamed Barrie also a member of the consulting team was invited by Mr. Willcott to lament on the outcome of the different meetings held in communities of the affected people. He expressed the fears of the people in terms of the involvement of the govt. of Sierra Leone and the NPA regarding the genuinity of the program. He pleaded with audience that they should try to Project some form of trust so that the affected persons can believe in the Project. In summary Mr. Barrie said that the people said they would be willing to move, if only the implementation process is genuinely, honestly undertaking.

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Development Mrs. K C Koroma stated the position of government in relation to funds. At the moment according to her, government will be hard pressed to raise a counterpart contribution not withstanding the reality that it is in dire need for the completion of the Bumbuna Project. She expressed, the other possibilities such as government providing in kind contribution as a way of fulfilling their own part of the compensation and resettlement package. But even here, she was always reminding the consultant that the country is just coming out of war and the available resources cannot cope with the available demands for
developmental Projects. So it will be better if the World Bank will consider the possibility of incurring the cost.

Mr. Farma (Law Officers) wanted to know who is to be compensated and by whom? Another member of the meeting wanted to know if the land was legally acquired by the NPA? The GM of the NPA responded by answering yes to that question.

The Deputy GM of the NPA Mr. Tarawalie observed that the RAP and PAP into the agreement are later inclusions and this now constitutes a requirement for the funding of any such Project by the Bank. A government official from the Ministry of Development wanted to know if the Project document for the Bumbuna dam development will be made available to them. Mr. Wilcot responded by saying that these documents will be available in three major places in town once approved by government.

The meeting was concluded by the DGM who summarized by thanking the audience and encouraging the officials, NGOs and the International community to help make this Project a success.