



Oguta Power Crisis: OPEN LETTER TO GOVERNOR HOPE UZODIMMA

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His Excellency

I wish to draw your attention to a quick to the lingering electricity power supply challenge being currently experienced by the Oguta Ameshi Community, an oil and gas host Community in Imo state.

In 2016, during the administration of your predecessor, Senator Rochas Okorochoa, Oguta suffered a debilitating power blackout for over 8 years due to non payment of electricity bills by ISOPADEC. Consequent upon this development, a Community pressure group known as Oguta Progressive Forum (O P F) called a meeting of all stakeholders called Oguta Stakeholders Forum on July 29th, 2017.

At the end of that meeting, a Communique was issued demanding, amongst other things, that a 24/7 power supply should be ensured through gas turbines.

The immediate past Honourable Minister Of State For Petroleum Resources , Ogbuagu Ibe Kachikwu (PH.D), invited Oguta Stakeholders Forum for a meeting at NNPC Towers on October 9th, 2017, where it was agreed that NAOC-AGIP will include the 'Electricity Power Supply Project in a GMOU involving other Communities in the Cluster Group . The estimated cost of the project was \$8.57m (USD), but by 2019, when your predecessor (Rochas Okorochoa) came to power in May 2019, the project was suspended.

Your Excellency, a prototype of a GE ( LM 2500 ) gas turbine that will utilize flared gas from the over 6 gas flaring sites in Oguta was to be the clincher. The estimated cost was about \$11m.

An indigenous engineering firm (Fidel Engineering Co. Ltd.) has followed this project from scooping, feasibility studies and project implementation, and is technically equipped to execute this 'turning point" key project. You Excellency, you can write your name in gold by reinviting NAOC - AGIP to commence this project.

We can afford to forgo any GMOU for the next 5years and channel all the projects to this very critical project. Your name will remain indelible in the annals of history of the Oguta Community.

Your Excellency, this project will stop the gas flaring and it's associated consequences of environmental degradation. It will generate over 35MW of Electricity Power Supply to Oguta , Ohaji/ Egbema , Oru East , Mbaitolu and Ikeduru LGAs, with much to be sold to EEDC for profit to the Imo state government.

Industrial development will blossom and employment will increase. I therefore urge your excellency to give due consideration to my suggestions and also pay attention to the electricity problems being experienced by the Oguta Community in Imo state.

Thank you, your excellency and kindly accept the assurances of my highest regard.

Signed:

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