



NERC indicts IBEDC over 2016 electrocution incident

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The Nigerian Electricity Regulation Commission, NERC, has found Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company, IBEDC, in violation of the installation guidelines, health and safety regulations, responsible for an electrocution incident on October 3, 2016.

The firm has been subsequently directed to compensate the family of Mr. Usman Jubril, the man who died in the incident, in line with the Third Party Insurance provisions of Part V Section 5.2 of the Nigerian Health and Safety Code.

Specifically, IBEDC was said to have contravened Sections 5 (2.3); 9 (9) of the Nigerian Electricity Supply and Installation

Standards, NESIS, Regulation, 2015 and Part 2 (13.3.C) of the Nigerian Health and Safety Code in the electrocution of Mr. Jubril at Fate/Basin Roundabout area of Ilorin, Kwara State.

According to Directive 159 issued by the commission at the end of its investigation into Jubril's electrocution, IBEDC did not comply with electric power sector technical standards in the maintenance of its injection sub-station, construction of distribution network across major road just as it lacked effective monitoring of its networks.

Such negligence, according to the directive, signed by the Acting Chairman of NERC, Dr. Anthony Akah, and General Manager, Legal, Licensing and Enforcement, Mrs. Olufunke Dinneh, "led to the electrocution

of Jubril on Monday October 3, 2016 when the deceased got trapped by a drilling truck that was in contact with red-phased of a T-off Basin 11kv feeder aluminium conductors that run across a major road".



● **Electrocution victim**