

Cabinet Secretary warns contractors over delay in the implementation of the last mile connectivity

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The Government has called on contractors working on the last mile project in various parts of the country to ensure they deliver the project within schedule to avoid extension periods that escalate cost of the project.

While addressing contractors in a meeting in Nairobi today, the Cabinet Secretary for Energy Mr. Opiyo Wandayi expressed concern over the slow pace at which contractors were implementing the last mile electricity connectivity program. Mr. Wandayi warned that the government will take legal action against contractors to who breach the terms and conditions of the contract.

Mr. Wandayi said the government had fully supported the contractors and wondered why some of the companies had not connected a single customer more than a years since they awarded the contract.

The Cabinet Secretariat said the government was concerned that only 19.7% of the over 300, 000 targeted customers have been connected since inception of the program. He directed the contractors to submit detailed plan of action to the ministry outlining how they intend to fast track the works that were behind schedule.

The Principal Secretary Mr. Alex Waschira said, besides causing rise in the cost of the project, delay in the implementation also denies families, educational institutions, health facilities and business energy needs to fulfil their obligations.

Mr. Wachira called on local contractors to demonstrate their capabilities by completing their work on schedule.