

NOTICE OF THE ENERGY REGULATOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR MUNICIPALITIES APPLYING FOR AN AVERAGE TARIFF INCREASE ABOVE THE GUIDELINE OF 19% AND 22% (TO BE HELD ON 2ND AND 3RD JUNE 2010)

The National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) is a regulatory authority established as a juristic person in terms of Section 3 of the National Energy Regulator Act, 2004 (Act No. 40 of 2004). NERSA's mandate is to regulate the electricity, piped-gas and petroleum pipelines industries in terms of the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 (Act No. 4 of 2006), Gas Act, 2001 (Act No. 48 of 2001) and Petroleum Pipelines Act, 2003 (Act No. 60 of 2003) and the Petroleum Pipelines Levies Act, 2004 (Act No. 28 of 2004). The governance structure of the Regulator consists of nine members, five of whom are part-time and four are full-time, including the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The Regulator is supported by a secretariat under the direction of the CEO.

Municipal electricity tariff increases, if any, are implemented from 1 July each year. In terms of Section 4 (a) (ii) of the Electricity Regulation Act (Act No. 4 of 2006) "the Regulator must regulate prices and tariffs".

The National Energy Regulator of South Africa invites all stakeholders to attend a public hearing on municipal tariff applications from municipalities applying for average increases above the guidelines of 19% and 22%. The affected municipalities are tabled below as follows:

Name of Municipality	Municipal Proposed Percentage Increase for 2010/11	NERSA guideline increase applicable to the municipality based on 2009/10 approved increase
Central Karoo	26.0%	20%
Swartland	24.0%	22%
Camdeboo	28.9%	22%
Cape Town	24.6%	19%
City of Umhlathuze	28.9%	22%
Ekurhuleni	28.9%	22%
Emakhazeni	24.0%	19%
Ethekwini	25.0%	20%
Greater Tzaneen	23.3%	20%
Kgetleng Rivier	24.3%	22%
Khara Hais	27.02%	20%
Lekwa	22.0%	19%
Lekwa Teemane	27.0%	19%
Lukhanji	28.0%	20%
Midvaal	28.9%	19%
Modimolle	22.0%	19%

Name of Municipality	Municipal Proposed Percentage Increase for 2010/11	NERSA guideline increase applicable to the municipality based on 2009/10 approved increase
Nala	39.0%	19%
Ngwathe	24.8%	19%
Randfontein	24.8%	19%
Setsoto	25.0%	19%
Siyancuma	27.0%	19%
Sol Plaatjie	22.0%	19%
Theewaterskloof	26.0%	20%
Ulundi	22.0%	19%
Umjindi	38.0%	19%
Umkhanyakude District Council	28.9%	19%
Umtshezi	28.9%	19%
Uphongolo	28.9%	20%
Witzenberg	23.0%	22%

Due to the high number of municipalities anticipated to make presentations, the public hearing has been extended to run over two days.

The details for the Public hearing are as follows:

Date : Wednesday, 2 June 2010, Thursday, 3 June 2010
Venue : Kulawula House, 526 Vermeulen Street, Arcadia, PRETORIA
Time : 09H00 – 16H30

Members of the public and stakeholders wishing to attend the hearing or present their views must submit their request, by 16h30 on Monday, 31 May 2010.

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