

Invitation for public comments on Eskom’s 2018/19 Regulatory Clearing Account (RCA) application and indicative timelines for the determination process

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).

On 8 August 2019 NERSA received Eskom’s RCA application for 2018/19 financial year, requesting total RCA balance of R 27 323 million.

NERSA conducted a screening to ensure that the application is compliant with the fourth Multi Year Price Determination (MYPD4) methodology and Minimum Information Requirements for Tariff Application (MIRTA) requirements. After several interactions with the applicant, Eskom submitted a revised application on 13 November 2019. Full compliance was confirmed on 19 November 2019 after all outstanding information was submitted by Eskom and further verification was conducted by NERSA.

ANALYSIS OF ESKOM’S RCA APPLICATION FOR 2018/19

The Energy Regulator will assess Eskom’s application following due regulatory processes. The indicative timeline for the decision-making process is provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Indicative Timeline (Subject to change)

Activity	Timeframe
1. Publish Eskom’s applications on NERSA website for stakeholder comments	3 December 2019
2. Closing date for stakeholder comments	20 January 2020
3. Public Hearings on RCA for 2018/19(9 provinces in 3 weeks)	3 Feb to 21 Feb 2020 (see details in Table 2)
4. NERSA’s Electricity Subcommittee (ELS) to consider draft Reasons for Decision	18 March 2020
5. Energy Regulator decision on Eskom’s RCA application	24 March 2018

The approved dates for the public hearings on this matter are provided in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Confirmed public hearing dates and venues*

PROVINCE	CITY	DATE
Western Cape	Cape Town	03 February 2020
Eastern Cape	Port Elizabeth	05 February 2020
Kwa-Zulu Natal	Durban	06 February 2020
North West	Rustenburg	10 February 2020
Northern Cape	Kimberley	12 February 2020
Free State	Bloemfontein	14 February 2020
Mpumalanga	Mbombela	17 February 2020
Limpopo	Polokwane	19 February 2020
Gauteng	Midrand	21 February 2020

*The dates of the public hearings might be extended/reviewed depending on the number of presenters registered. Venues will be communicated in due course.

Eskom's RCA application is available on the NERSA website at www.nersa.org.za under CONSULTATION > Notices > Electricity.

Written comments can be forwarded to mypd@nersa.org.za, hand-delivered to 526 Madiba Street, Arcadia, Pretoria or posted to PO Box 40343, Arcadia, 0083, Pretoria, South Africa. The closing date for written comments on Eskom's 2018/19 Eskom's RCA application is **20 January 2020 at 16:00**.

Members of the public and stakeholders who wish to attend or present their views at any of the public hearings must submit their request to publichearings@nersa.org.za by **15:30 on 27 January 2020**.

For more information and queries on the above, please contact Ms Lehuma Masike or Mr Thilivhali Nthakheni on 012 401 4600 or via Facsimile on 012 401 4700.