

Electricity, domestic tariffs explained

The new prepaid electricity tariffs which were approved by NERSA (National Energy Regulator of South Africa) earlier this year have been the source of great confusion among residents in the Lekwa area.

Cosmos News corresponded with NERSA representatives and Lekwa Local Municipality and finally obtained these tariffs so that any confusion and inconvenience can be put aside once and for all. Each time a buyer exceeds the block tariff, they will automatically purchase electricity at the next block tariff.

Say for instance you buy 50 kWh units of electricity at the beginning of the month and later need to buy some more, the tariff will then automatically be charged at the next tariff. Consumers have frantically consulted local newspapers saying that the Municipality should have done more to explain to people how the system works. **DK**

Here follows an outline of all domestic tariffs for the period of 1 July 2012 to 20 June 2013:

Tariff blocks:	Cost per kWh:
Block 1 (0-50 kWh)	64 cent
Block 2 (51-350 kWh)	80 cent
Block 3 (351-600 kWh)	107 cent
Block 4 (more than 600 kWh)	125 cent



Bestuurslede neem die leisels

Die Suid-Afrikaanse Vroe-federasie (SAVF) in Stander-ton het Donderdag, 1 November hul nuwe bestuurslede bekend gestel. Agter, van links na regs, is die bestuurslede van die Gesinskissentrum - mee Maryna van Vuuren (tesourier-sekretaris), Paula Jansen van Nieuwenhuizen (ondervoorsitter) en ds Andrew Matsi van Standerton se Replika-gemeente, die voorsitter. Voor is die bestuurslede van die Maatskaplike Werk-kantoor - mee Arista van der Merwe (voorsitter), Alta Mynhart (tesourier-sekretaris) en Gerda Viljoen (ondervoorsitter).

Suspect back in court

Val police arrested five suspects found in possession of stolen copper cables in 2009 and after appearing in court four of the accused failed to pitch at any of the court proceedings.

A warrant of arrest was issued against the four in 2010 and since then they have been evading the police.

While investigation continued, Constable Andile Mbonani said that they received a tip-off that one of the suspects is working

for Sasol near Secunda.

Police followed the lead and with the assistance of authorities, the suspect was arrested at his workplace on Saturday morning.

He is due to appear in court on Monday to face an additional charge of contempt of court. The other three suspects are still at large but CST Mbonani said police will make arrests soon. **DM**

Don't interfere with SAPPs

Residents of Sakhile are advised by Sakhile SAPPs not to interfere with the police while they are trying to do their duties. When the community does not cooperate with the police it makes their work difficult and in some cases even prevents them from catching the criminals.

In one such case, police were investigating a case of housebreaking and went to the house of the suspect. Upon their arrival, they were greeted by the suspect's sister and younger brother. When police interviewed the sister, she said that she had not seen him for the whole weekend and that she has no means to contact him. But when police interviewed the younger brother, he said that his sister is lying and that his brother slept at home the previous night but he left early and that he had a cellphone with him.

The police left the premises, only to return on a later stage. Upon their return they headed towards the kitchen door and noticed

a curtain move and that someone was looking at them through a window. They knocked on the door, that was locked, but even though they could hear people inside, nobody opened the door for them. The police forced the door open but the suspect's sister and brother tried to stop the police from coming in, although police noticed that the suspect was inside the house.

While police tried to get past them and was busy arguing with them, the suspect used a window in another room to escape and ran away. Police gave chase but could not catch up. This is a typical case where members of the public interfered with the police in such a way that they could not fulfill their duty.

The investigating officer on this case is Sergeant Shadrack Ngema of Sakhile detective unit and you can phone him on 017 714 7888/7149 with any information regarding this incident. **GB**

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OMGEWINGSIMPAAKVALUERINGSPROSES

VOORGESTELDE UITBREIDING VAN DIE HUIDIGE ASVERWYDERINGSFASILITEIT BY DIE TUTUKA KRAGSTASIE, MPUMALANGA PROVINSIE

DEA Verwysingsnommer: 14/12/16/3/3/52
NEAS Verwysingsnommer: DEA/ETA/0001416/2012

Met verwysing na die OIE kennisgewing soos geadvesteer in September 2012, waarvolgens kennis geskied het van die voorgestelde Asverwyderingsfasiliteit by die Tutuka Kraagstasie naby Standerton, Mpumalanga Provinsie, deur Eskom Holdings SOC Limited, die volgende nou verand.

Ingevolge Staatskennisgewing R544, R545 en R546, gepubliseer op 18 Junie 2010, word alle belanghebbende en/of geïntereerde partye (B&G's) hiermee in kennis gestel dat die Konsip Bestekopnameverslag (KBOV) vir die voorgestelde uitbreiding van die huidige Asverwyderingsfasiliteit by Tutuka Kraagstasie in Mpumalanga Provinsie beskikbaar gestel sal word by die ondergenoemde plekke (in druk), Lidwala Maatskaplike Ingenieurs' webwerf (<http://www.lidwala.com>) en op CD (op skriftelike versoek), vir oorsig en kommentaar vanaf Donderdag, 8 November 2012 tot Vrydag, 7 Desember 2012:

Plek	Kantoor	Straatadres	Kontaknommer
Standerton Oporebare Biblioteek	08: 30 - 16: 30	H/V Beyers Naude en Mbonani	017 712 9678
Tutuka	Kragstasie 07: 00 - 16: 00	Tussen Standerton en Bethal Pad (op die R 38 pad)	017 749 9111

UITNODIGING NA OPENBARE VERGADERING

B&G's word ook uitgenooi om die Oporebare Vergadering by te woon wat plaasvind op:

Datum	Tyd	Plek
Donderdag, 22 November 2012	18: 00 - 20: 00	Standerton Stadsaal H/V Beyers Naude en Mbonani Masivelastraat

Die doel van die Oporebare Vergadering is om die voorgestelde projek aan die publiek, voor te hou, om B&G's die geleentheid te bied om met die projeksaai te skakel, en om enige verdere kommentaar en/of knelpunte wat hulde rakende hierdie voorgestelde projek mag hê, te opper. Rig asseblief u skriftelike navrae en kommentaar aan die Oporebare Oeplaemingskonstulante hieronder:

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

PROPOSED CONTINUOUS ASHING AT THE EXISTING ASH DISPOSAL FACILITIES AT TUTUKA POWER STATION, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

DEA Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/52
NEAS Reference: DEA/ETA/0001416/2012

The EIA notice advertised in September 2012 whereby notice was given that Eskom Holdings SOC Limited propose to continue with the ash disposal activities at Tutuka Power Station in the Mpumalanga Province have reference.

In terms of Government Notice R 544, R 545 and R 546, published on 18 June 2010, all interested and/or affected parties (B&P's) are hereby notified that the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) for the proposed continuous ashing at the existing ash disposal facilities at Tutuka Power Station in Mpumalanga Province will be made available at the venues below (hard copy), Lidwala Consulting Engineer's website (<http://www.lidwala.com>) and CD, on written request, for review and comment during the comment period from Thursday, 8 November 2012 to Friday, 7 December 2012:

Venue	Working Hours	Street Address	Contact No.
Standerton Public Library	08:30 - 16:30	Cnr Beyers Naude and Mbonani Masivela Street	017 712 9678
Tutuka Power Reception Area	07:00 - 16:00	Between Standerton and Bethal Road (after R 39)	017 749 9111

INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETING

B&P's are also invited to attend the Public Meeting to be held on:

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 22 November 2012	18: 00 - 20: 00	Standerton Town Hall Cnr Beyers Naude and Mbonani Masivela Street

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to present the proposed project to the public, provide B&P's with the opportunity to interact with the project team, and to raise any further concerns and/or concerns they might have regarding this proposed project.

Please direct your enquiries or comments in writing to the Public Participation Consultants below:

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