

Public Notice

Possible electricity supply interruption to bulk point(s) of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality

Introduction and background:

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd ("Eskom") hereby gives notice in terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 ("PAJA"), of its intention to reduce, interrupt and/or terminate the supply of electricity to certain bulk supply points supplying the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality ("CoJ") and/or City Power Johannesburg SOC Ltd ("CP").

In November 2024, Eskom issued a notice in terms of PAJA indicating its intention to interrupt electricity supply to CoJ/CP due to the Municipality's persistent non-compliance with its financial obligations owed to Eskom in respect of bulk electricity supplied by Eskom.

Following engagements between the parties, and subsequent intervention processes facilitated through government structures, Eskom, CoJ and CP concluded a settlement agreement regulating the repayment of the historical debt and payment of the current electricity account. The settlement agreement was subsequently made an order of the High Court of South Africa, Gauteng Division, Johannesburg, under case number 2024/048808 on 06 November 2025.

The court order expressly provides, inter alia, that:

- All current electricity accounts must be paid in full on or before their due dates.
- The arranged repayment amounts in respect of the historical debt must be paid in full on or before the due dates reflected in the repayment schedule; and
- In the event of default by CoJ/CP on either the current account or repayment arrangement, the arrangement terminates and the full outstanding indebtedness immediately becomes due and payable to Eskom.

Despite the existence of the court order and the indulgence granted by Eskom through the repayment arrangement, CoJ/CP has failed to honour the terms of the court order by failing to make payment of both the historical debt instalments and the current electricity account on the due dates.

The continued and repeated breach of the court order has raised serious concerns regarding the Municipality's ability to meet its ongoing financial obligations to Eskom, particularly in light of the anticipated increase in electricity consumption and charges during the winter period.

The failure by CoJ/CP to comply with the court order, the electricity supply agreement and applicable licence conditions undermine Eskom's constitutional and statutory obligations to ensure a sustainable and financially viable electricity supply industry. The continued non-payment also places Eskom under severe financial pressure and prejudices Eskom's ability to continue supplying electricity in the national interest.

Eskom accordingly records that, notwithstanding the existing court order and without derogating from any rights available to Eskom in law or under the court order, including contempt proceedings, execution processes and recovery proceedings, Eskom has resolved to resume and proceed with the PAJA process.

Notice to stakeholders:

Eskom hereby notifies all stakeholders, residents, businesses, institutions and customers within the jurisdiction of CoJ/CP whose rights may be materially and adversely affected, that Eskom intends to reduce, interrupt and/or terminate the supply of electricity to certain bulk supply points supplying CoJ/CP with effect from **8 July 2026**.

This action is necessitated by:

- CoJ/CP's continued breach of the court order regulating payment of the historical debt and current electricity account;
- Persistent non-payment and/or late payment of amounts lawfully due and payable to Eskom.
- Breach of the electricity supply agreement concluded between Eskom and CoJ/CP.
- Contravention of applicable licence conditions; and
- The escalating financial risk to Eskom and the sustainability of the national electricity supply industry.

At present, CoJ/CP remains indebted to Eskom to an amount exceeding R5 billion, excluding ongoing current consumption charges and interest accruing thereon. Eskom has considered the impact that the interruption or reduction of electricity supply may have on affected communities, businesses and the broader economy. However, Eskom is left with no other reasonable or effective option to compel compliance and prevent the continued escalation of debt owed by CoJ/CP.

Conclusion:

Under the circumstances, the only option available to Eskom is to resume the PAJA process and terminate and/or disconnect the supply as empowered by the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006.

Eskom appreciates the hardships the community and the economy will suffer should it exercise its statutory powers to disconnect the Municipality. However, there are no other meaningful options available for Eskom to stop the debt and collect for current consumption on bulk supply. Eskom has decided to interrupt the power supply to the Municipality to stop the spiralling debt.

As at 11 May 2026, the Municipality owes Eskom an overdue amount of **R5 255 421 994.16** for the bulk supply points, relating to the historical debt.

Eskom must exercise its right to disconnect the supply of electricity to the Municipality to protect the national interest in the sustainability of the electricity supply.

Eskom hereby invites all affected parties to submit written representations, comments and/or submissions indicating why Eskom should or should not proceed to reduce or disconnect the electricity supply points in the table below. Eskom will appreciate progressive representations (including direct payment by customers or direct supply from Eskom), considering the magnitude and possible long-term effects of this problem.

The following point/s of supply might be affected:

#	Points
1	Fordsburg substation, supplying Johannesburg CBD, Fordsburg, Auckland Park, Mayfair and surrounding areas
2	Beyers substation, supplying Fairlands, Cresta and the surrounding areas
3	Crowthorne substation, supplying Crowthorne, Carlsworld, part of Mrandi and surrounding areas
4	Allandale substation, supplying Midrand

Public representations, submissions, comments and/or requests for further information should be submitted to:

The Key Accounts Manager, Customer Services, Anna Tsukudu
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The closing date for public representations, submissions, comments and/or requests for further information will be the end of business on 17 June 2026.

Please note that comments received after the closing date will not be considered.

Eskom will consider such public representations, submissions, and comments and communicate the final decision on or before **24 June 2026**.

Reference Number: **CoJ / CP**

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