

**NOTICE OF THE ENERGY REGULATOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR MUNICIPALITIES APPLYING FOR AN AVERAGE TARIFF INCREASE ABOVE THE GUIDELINE OF 7.47%**

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).

NERSA invites all stakeholders to attend a public hearing on municipal tariff applications from municipalities applying for average increases above the NERSA increase guideline of 7.47%. The affected municipalities are tabled below as follows:

Name of Municipality	Municipal Proposed Percentage Increase for 2022/23	Motivation provided by municipalities for above-guideline increase
1. City of Cape Town	9.6%	To provide additional security to infrastructure and personnel, and from a significant payment to Eskom for connection fees for a new intake point
2. City of Ekurhuleni	9.61%	In the absence of any NERSA's tariff increase guidelines for municipalities at the time COE prepared the budget, the City has based the electricity tariff increase on the only known value i.e. NERSA's approved increase for Eskom standard tariff customers at 9.61%.
3. Stellenbosch	7.9%	The municipality has detailed a list of expenses and operating costs that are increasing sharply and are somewhat onerous on the municipality. These include but not limited to the bulk purchases, salaries, bad debt provisions.
4. Witzenberg	8.61%	To cover the cost for the implementation of protection study and supply of the associated equipment

**The details for the Public hearing are as follows:**

**Date :** 15 June 2022  
**Venue :** Microsoft Teams (online)  
**Time :** 09h00 – 13h00

Members of the public and stakeholders wishing to attend the hearing or present their views must submit their request, by **16h30 on Monday, 13 June 2022** to **Mr Eleazer Dlamini** at:

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