

NERSA Presentation

As Concerned Citizens of Lephalale we are very concerned about the possibility of NERSA granting Eskom's application for higher tariffs. We have already been suffering from various increases during the past four years and we can simply not afford it. We are hereby against the application for the following reasons:

- Eskom is currently being investigated for huge corruption and 'state capture'. A spokesperson from Eskom said in a news interview that it is basically a case of gross theft. We know of how much money is being wasted at Medupi every day. Yet we are expected to pay more. We do not trust them any more and yet they expect us to keep giving them more and more money.
- As professional people and entrepreneurs, we cannot afford to pay more for electricity. Our overheads are already killing us. As home owners and SMME's we are paying a high price for our electricity while huge industries are getting it much cheaper. This is unfair and is hampering the economy.
- Specifically in Lephalale and the Waterberg we are already paying a very high price for the generation of electricity. At this stage Eskom's Medupi and Matimba power stations are emitting twice as much SO₂ as the whole of the UK. They are exceeding minimum emission standards on a weekly basis and still they are applying for postponement to adhere to the MES. We have to breathe the air every day.
- Other impacts of the two power stations are a huge increase in population, with an increase in crime, STD's, HIV/Aids, unemployment and a general loss of sense of community. Believe me, we are paying with our health, our safety and our futures. Yet no-one is holding Eskom accountable.

Still they are asking you for more money. Please don't let them have their way with you too. They must be held accountable and they must realise that they are playing with the lives of ordinary South Africans.

Thank you.

Concerned Citizens of Lephalale