



Invitation for public comments on the Framework for the Cost of Unserved Energy (COUE) for Licensed Electricity Distributors

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 includes the regulation of the electricity supply industry. According to Section 4(ii) of the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 (Act No. 4 of 2006) ('the ERA'), the Energy Regulator must regulate electricity prices and tariffs.

NERSA is the administrative authority for the South African Grid Code ('the Grid Code') in terms of sections 35(1) and 14(t) of the ERA. In accordance with the Act, NERSA shall ensure that the Grid Code is developed, implemented and complied with for the benefit of the industry.

The Licensed Electricity Distributors are required to use a NERSA-approved process to determine the Cost of Unserved Energy (COUE) in order to ensure that the networks are planned and built in accordance with the Grid Code requirements.

The consultation paper on the Framework for the COUE for the Licensed Electricity Distributors is available NERSA's website at www.nersa.org.za under 'Electricity>Consultation> Notices'.

Stakeholders and the public are requested to comment on the Framework for the COUE for the Licensed Electricity Distributors in writing. The written comments can be submitted to Mr Melusi Nyoni at the National Energy Regulator, Kulawula House, 526 Madiba Street, Arcadia, Pretoria or emailed to: COUEMunics@nersa.org.za. The closing date for submitting written comments is **Friday, 20 October 2017**.

All stakeholders and the public are invited to attend the public hearing that will be held on **Thursday, 30 November 2017** at NERSA's Auditorium in Pretoria. Members of the public and stakeholders who wish to attend the hearing or present their views must submit their request to publichearings@nersa.org.za by **15:30 on Thursday, 23 November 2017**.

For more information or queries on the above, please contact Mr Melusi Nyoni at the National Energy Regulator of South Africa at:

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Note:

The public hearing will not take place if there will be no one to make a presentation.