

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE REVIEWED APPLICABLE CODES AND STANDARDS FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE GAS TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES

The National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA or 'the Energy Regulator') 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), the Gas Act, 2001 (Act No. 48 of 2001) and the Petroleum Pipelines Act, 2003 (Act No. 60 of 2003).

The Energy Regulator is *inter alia* responsible for the licensing of construction and operation of natural gas facilities as well as gas trading activities as contemplated in sections 15 and 16 of the Gas Act, subject to the conditions of licence imposed in terms of section 21(1) of the Gas Act.

One such condition of licence is the efficient and economic operation and maintenance of licensed gas infrastructure in line with applicable requirements. This means that licensees must adhere to the relevant and applicable codes and industry standards listed in their conditions of licence in order to ensure safe, efficient, economic and environmentally responsible transmission, distribution, storage, liquefaction and regasification of gas.

The Energy Regulator has prepared a discussion document to review the current applicable codes and standards for efficient and safe operation and maintenance of gas transmission and distribution pipelines with a view to ensuring a common or similar set of codes and standards that will be applicable to all licensed gas transmission and distribution facilities.

The Energy Regulator would like to invite interested and affected parties to submit written comments and submissions on the discussion document to the Energy Regulator by 16:30 on Monday, 30 September 2019. The discussion document is available on the Energy Regulator's website at <http://www.nersa.org.za> under *Consultations/Documents/Piped Gas*.

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