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DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

NO. 6983 **24 December 2025**

NATIONAL ENERGY REGULATOR OF SOUTH AFRICA

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 5B(3)(a)(i) OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 1987 (ACT NO. 41 OF 1987) AND SECTION 2(3)(A) OF BOTH THE GAS REGULATOR LEVIES ACT, 2002 (NO. 75 OF 2002) AND THE PETROLEUM PIPELINES LEVIES ACT, 2004 (NO. 28 OF 2004)

Proposed Electricity Licence fees, as well as Levies on the Piped-Gas and Petroleum Pipeline Industries, for the 2026/27 financial year

The National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), acting under section 5B(3)(a)(1) of the Electricity Act, 1987 (Act No. 41 of 1987) and section 2(3)(a) of both the Gas Regulator Levies Act, 2002 (Act No. 75 of 2002) and the Petroleum Pipelines Levies Act, 2004 (Act No. 28 of 2004), hereby publishes the proposed licence fees that are payable by generators of electricity, as well as the levies on the piped-gas and petroleum pipeline industries, for the 2026/27 financial year.

The aim is to bring the proposed licence fees and levies to the attention of the stakeholders in the licensed generators of the electricity, piped-gas and petroleum pipeline industries and invite representations to be made to the Energy Regulator within 30 days of the date of this publication.

The total NERSA Budgeted Expenditure amounts to R544,753,246 for 2026/27 (2025/26: R510,270,361) with the specific budgets for the three industries being as follows:

- Electricity Industry: R317,789,753 (2025/26: R292,959,085)
- Piped-Gas Industry: R120,774,853 (2025/26: R116,145,103)
- Petroleum Pipelines Industry: R106,188,640 (2025/26: R101,166,172)

The budgeted expenditure for the Energy Regulator for the 2026/27 financial year represents an increase of 6.8% from the previous year's expenditure budget.

The total expenditure has been reduced by refunds of surplus and interest and other income as follows:

Interest and Other income

- Electricity Industry: R2,288,770 (2025/26: R2,296,838)
- Piped-Gas Industry: R469,022 (2025/26: R797,579)
- Petroleum Pipelines Industry: R469,022 (2025/26: R797,579)

The budget for the 2026/27 does not provide for refunds of surplus funds and breaks-even the revenue with the total expenditure.

Refunds to Industries

- Electricity Industry: R0 (2025/26: R21,898,286)
- Piped-Gas Industry: R0 (2025/26: R21,871,790)
- Petroleum Pipelines Industry: R0 (2025/26: R26,246,295)

Taking this into account, the total amount that NERSA will have to recover through licence fees and levy income is R541,526,432 for 2026/27 (2025/26: R436,361,993) for the three industries, as follows:

- Electricity Industry: R315,500,983 (2025/26: R268,763,962)
- Piped-Gas Industry: R120,305,831 (2025/26: R93,475,734)
- Petroleum Pipelines Industry: R105,719,617 (2026/25: R74,122,297)

Proposed licence fee payable by licensed generators of electricity for 2026/27

The proposed licence fee payable by licensed generators of electricity is **0.15699c/kWh** (2025/26: 0.13023c/kWh) in respect of electricity generated for supply by licensed generators during the previous calendar year (year 2026). The licence fees shall be payable to the National Energy Regulator, as from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027, by the licensed generators.

The proposed licence fee was determined based on an estimated volume of 201.0 million Megawatt per annum and the 2026/27 Annual Performance Plan and Budget requirement for the regulation of the electricity industry of R315,500,983 against the expenditure of R317,789,753 as indicated above.

Proposed Piped-Gas Levy 2026/27

The proposed levy to be imposed on the piped-gas industry is **66.502 c/Gj** (2025/26: 51.931 c/Gj) in respect of the amount of gas, measured in Gigajoules, delivered by importers and producers to the inlet flanges of transmission and distribution pipelines and will be paid by the person holding the title to the gas at the inlet flange. The levy shall be payable to the National Energy Regulator, as from 01 April 2026 to 31 March 2027, by persons concerned.

The proposed levy was determined based on an estimated volume of 180.9 million Gj per annum and the 2026/27 Annual Performance Plan and Budget requirement for the regulation of the piped-gas industry of R120,305,831 against the expenditure of R120,774,853 as indicated above.

Proposed Petroleum Pipeline Levy 2026/27

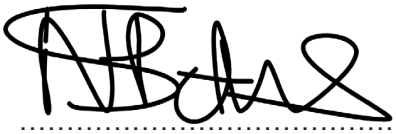
The proposed levy to be imposed on the petroleum pipelines industry is **0.70991 c/litre** (2025/26: 0.46865 c/litre) in respect of the amount of petroleum, measured in litres, delivered by importers, refiners and producers to the inlet flanges of petroleum pipelines and will be paid by the person holding the title to the petroleum immediately after it has entered the inlet flange. The levy shall be payable to the National Energy Regulator, as from 01 April 2026 to 31 March 2027, by persons concerned.

The proposed levy was determined based on an estimated volume of 14.9 billion litres per annum and the 2026/27 Annual Performance Plan and Budget requirement for the regulation of the petroleum pipelines industry of R105,719,617 against the expenditure of R106,188,640 as indicated above.

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