



Invitation for public comments on Concurrence with the Ministerial determination on the procurement of 100MW of Solar PV and 300MW of Natural Gas by eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality from the Independent Power Producers

The National Energy Regulator (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 regulation of the Electricity Supply Industry.

According to section 34 of the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 (Act No. 4 of 2006) (“the Act”) NERSA is required to appropriately apply its regulatory reviews and to make decision making prior to the conclusion of the determination process by the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy (“the Minister”).

The Energy Regulator has issued a consultation paper on the procurement of 400MW with a quantum of 100MW of Solar PV and 300MW of Natural Gas by eThekweni Municipality to be procured from the Independent Power Producers (IPPs). This initiative aims to improve the supply side to meet demand and to create energy reserves to address the current shortfall.

The consultation paper is available on NERSA’s website at www.nersa.org.za as from 28 January 2025 and the stakeholders are requested to provide written comments as set out in this consultation paper.

The written comments can be submitted to Mr Mondli Shozi at the National Energy Regulator of South Africa, Kulawula House, 526 Madiba Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083; or emailed to: ethekwiniS34@nersa.org.za

The closing date for submitting written public comments is 28 February 2025.

Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to attend the public hearing on the abovementioned application that has been scheduled as follows:

Date: 13 March 2025
Venue: Virtual public hearing on MS Teams
Time: 09h30 – 16h00

Members of the public and stakeholders who wish to attend or present their views at the public hearing must submit their requests by **Thursday, 6 March 2025** to **Mr Walter Mabunda** at:

Telephone No: 012 401 4660/074 447 3713

Fax No: 012 401 4700

Email Address: publichearings@nersa.org.za

Note:

The public hearing will not take place if no party has registered to make representation to the Energy Regulator regarding the application. Persons that have registered to attend will be notified, and a notice of cancellation will be published on the NERSA website.