

## Notice

## INTERRUPTION OF BULK ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO AMAHLATHI AND SUNDAYS RIVER VALLEY LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

Eskom hereby notifies all parties who are likely to be materially and adversely affected by its intention to interrupt bulk supply to Amahlathi Local Municipality and Sundays River Valley Municipality on 15 August 2019 and continuing indefinitely.

Amahlathi Local Municipality (Stutterheim) is currently indebted to Eskom with the amount of R5 364 312.76 (five million three hundred and sixty-four thousand three hundred and twelve rand and seventy-six cents only) and Sundays River Valley Local Municipality (Kirkwood) is currently indebted to Eskom of the amount of R1 880 454.13 (one million eight hundred and eighty thousand four hundred and fifty-four rand thirteen cents only) for the bulk supply of electricity, part of which has been outstanding and in escalation from 30 April 2019 ("the electricity debt").

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd ("Eskom") is under a statutory obligation to generate and supply electricity to the municipalities nationally on a financially sustainable basis. Amahlathi and Sundays River Valley Local Municipalities' breach of their payment obligation to Eskom undermines and places in jeopardy Eskom's ability to continue the national supply of electricity on a financially sustainable basis. In terms of both the provisions of the Electricity Regulation Act, 4 of 2006 and supply agreement with Amahlathi and Sundays River Valley Local Municipalities, Eskom is entitled to interrupt the supply of electricity of the defaulting municipalities on account of non-payment of electricity debt.

In order to protect the national interest in the sustainability of electricity supply, it has become necessary for Eskom to exercise its right to disconnect the supply of electricity to Amahlathi and Sundays River Valley Local Municipalities.

Eskom recognises that the indefinite interruption of electricity supply may cause undue hardship to consumers and members of the community, and may adversely affect the delivery of other services.

In view of this, Eskom is contemplating a regulated interruption of electricity supply as opposed to an outright disconnection. The contemplated regulated interruption will allow members of the community and consumers the opportunity to make alternative arrangements for the scheduled periods of interruption.

The contemplated interruption of electricity supply will result in temporary scheduled interruption at the following times:

### Week 1

Monday to Friday	Saturday and Sunday
06:00 – 09:00	08:30 – 12:00
17:00 – 20:30	15:00 – 19:00

### Week 2 onwards

Monday to Friday	Saturday and Sunday
06:00 – 20:00	06:00 – 20:00

It is to be noted that the times will change to 14-hour supply interruptions until full payment is received or an agreement is reached.

Notwithstanding the above proposed indicative times for the interruption of electricity supply, Eskom may, upon 15 calendar days' notice, reserve the right to disconnect electricity entirely and indefinitely should the electricity debt situation not improve.

Eskom hereby invites all affected parties to submit written representations, comments and/or submissions indicating why Eskom should or should not proceed with the contemplated interruption and/or disconnection, as the case may be.

The following towns/municipal areas will be affected by the contemplated interruption and/or disconnection, except those directly supplied by Eskom.

Municipalities Affected	Towns Affected
Amahlathi Local Municipality	Stutterheim
Sundays River Valley Local Municipality	Kirkwood

Public representations, submissions, comments and/or requests for further information should be submitted to Zuhdi Hamza, the Senior Manager: Customer Service Operations - Eastern Cape at Eskom Sunilaws Office Park, corner Bonza Bay Road and Quenera Drive, Beacon Bay 5205; or Private Bag X1, Beacon Bay 5205; or [koucomments@eskom.co.za](mailto:koucomments@eskom.co.za) and [nxcomments@eskom.co.za](mailto:nxcomments@eskom.co.za) or fax: 086 536 6250.

The closing date for public representations, submissions, comments and/or requests for further information will be end of business on 12 July 2019.

Please take note that comments received after the closing date will not be considered.

Such public representations, submissions, comments and/or requests for further information will be considered by Eskom, and the final decision will be published in a notice on 29 July 2019.

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