



LESOTHO ELECTRICITY AND WATER AUTHORITY

**PUBLIC NOTICE ON LESOTHO ELECTRICITY COMPANY'S (LEC) APPLICATION
TO LESOTHO ELECTRICITY AND WATER AUTHORITY (LEWA) FOR TARIFFS
ADJUSTMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-21**

A. Introduction

The Lesotho Electricity and Water Authority (LEWA) informs the Electricity Supply Industry (ESI) stakeholders and the general public that the Lesotho Electricity Company (Pty) Ltd, which holds a composite licence issued in terms of Section 50 of the Lesotho Electricity Authority Act no. 12 of 2002 (LEA Act), as amended, has filed electricity tariffs increase Application for the Financial Year 2020/21. This Application is in line with Section 24 (3) of the LEA Act 2002, as amended.

B. The Application and tariff drivers that LEC cites therein

On the 17th January 2020, LEC submitted an Application for electricity tariffs increase of 32.6% on both the Energy and Maximum Demand (MD) charges across all customer categories. LEC is requesting approval for a Revenue Requirement of M 1.21 billion for the Financial Year 2020/21.

The proposed LEC Revenue Requirement is comprised of the following main cost items:

ITEM	PROJECTED COST
Bulk Supply Purchases	M 558,1 million
Repairs and Maintenance	M 55,9 million
Diesel for Semonkong	M 2,67 million
Labour costs	M 196,3 million
Operating Expenses	M 120,4 million
Depreciation Charge	M 116 million

ITEM	PROJECTED COST
Return on Assets	M 160 million

C. Public access to the Application

Copies of the Application can be obtained from LEWA offices and on the website: www.lewa.org.ls. Other copies will be available at the District Administrators' offices in the country from the 14th February 2020.

D. Invitation for public comments

In accordance with Section 24(6) of the Act, ESI stakeholders and the general public are informed and further invited to make and forward their comments and inputs on the Application for consideration before LEWA could make a final determination on it. Interested people who wish to present their views before the LEWA Board, at public hearing sessions, are requested to indicate so in writing when submitting their comments. The deadline for receiving written comments is **Monday 24th February 2020**.

E. Schedule of Public hearing sessions

Date	Venue	Starting Time
24 February 2020	Qacha's Nek, New Central Hotel	08:30 a.m
25 February 2020	Quthing, Fuleng Guest House	08:30 a.m
26 February 2020	Mohale's Hoek, Hotel Mount Maluti	08:30 a.m
27 February 2020	Mafeteng, Mafeteng Hotel	08:30 a.m
02 March 2020	Mokhotlong, Mokhotlong Hotel	08:30 a.m
03 March 2020	Butha-Buthe, Crocodile Inn Hotel	08:30 a.m
04 March 2020	Leribe, Mahlakapese Guest House	08:30 a.m
05 March 2020	TY, Blue Mountain Inn	08:30 a.m
10 March 2020	Thaba-Tseka, Mohale-oe-Masite Hotel	08:30 a.m
12 March 2020	Maseru, Victory Hall (Mojalefa Lephole	08:30 a.m

Comments or enquiries may be sent to:

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