



**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 2017-18**

The Lesotho Electricity and Water Authority (LEWA) informs Electricity Supply Industry (ESI) stakeholders and the general public that, 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 an application for a review of electricity service tariffs for financial year 2017/18. This application is in line with Section 24 (3) of the LEA Act 2002, as amended.

**The application and tariff drivers that LEC cites therein:**

LEC is requesting an approval for a revenue requirement of M964.4 million for the financial year 2017/18. The company is requesting a tariff increase of 16.9 percent (16.9%) on both energy and Maximum Demand (MD) charges.

Amongst the various drivers for the application that LEC has mentioned in the application are projected increases in imported electricity bulk purchases and operating expenditure for transmission and distribution businesses. As an example, LEC says that electricity bulk purchases from Eskom (of South Africa) and EDM (of Mozambique) are expected to increase to M432.7 million from M426 million in 2017/18. In addition, the Company projects that expenditure on operating expenses, maintenance repairs and labour will also increase to M268.4 million. The Company further adds that depreciation of assets is expected to escalate by 16 % to M116.4 million.

**Public access to the application:**

Copies of the application can be obtained from LEWA offices. Stakeholders who are in the districts may have access to copies of the application at the District Administrators' offices.

#### **Invitation for public comments:**

In accordance with Section 24(6) of the Act, ESI stakeholders and general public are informed and further invited to make and forward their comments and inputs on the application for consideration before LEWA makes a final determination. 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 **Wednesday 01 February, 2017 at 17:00.**

#### **Public hearings on the LEC application:**

The Authority will hold three (3) public hearing sessions on the application in the country in February and March 2017. The public hearings are scheduled as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Starting Time</b>
03 February, 2017	Mohale's Hoek : Hotel Mount Maluti	09:00 a.m
17 February, 2017	Hlotse, Mountain View Hotel	09:00 a.m
03 March, 2017	Lehakoe Recreational Club	09:00 a.m

#### **Comments or enquiries may be sent to:**

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