



**LESOTHO ELECTRICITY AND WATER AUTHORITY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE ON WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANY'S (WASCO)**  
**APPLICATION TO LESOTHO ELECTRICITY AND WATER AUTHORITY (LEWA)**  
**FOR TARIFFS ADJUSTMENT IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18**

The Lesotho Electricity and Water Authority (LEWA) informs Urban Water and Sewerage Services (UWSS) stakeholders and the general public that, Water and Sewerage Company (WASCO) (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 urban water and sewerage service tariffs for the 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 WASCO cites therein:**

WASCO is requesting an approval for a revenue requirement of M257.3 million for the Financial Year 2017/18. The Company is seeking a tariff increase of 10 percent (10%) to the existing potable water volumetric charges in all bands (except Band A) as well as for Standing Charges.

Amongst the various tariff application drivers cited in the application, WASCO states that it has to: undertake preventive maintenance to upkeep its key infrastructure; maintain non revenue water (NRW) to acceptable levels; takeover the Metolong dam water treatment facility and related infrastructure; rehabilitate its reticulation systems and improve performance. WASCO also proposes to augment key personnel in selected operational areas, in particular Metolong.

Copies of the application can be obtained from LEWA offices in Maseru. Alternatively, copies may be downloaded from the Authority's website at <http://www.lewa.org.ls/home>. Stakeholders who are in the districts may access copies of the application from the District Administrators' offices.

**Invitation for public comments:**

In accordance with Section 24(6) of the Act 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 consultation meetings 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 WASCO application:**

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

Date	Venue	Starting Time
02 February, 2017	Mohale's Hoek : Hotel Mount Maluti	09:00 a.m
16 February, 2017	Hlotse, Mountain View Hotel	09:00 a.m
02 March, 2017	Lehakoe Recreational Club	09:00 a.m

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