



## The Association of Municipal Electricity Utilities (Southern Africa)

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**To the Municipal Managers and Head of the Electricity Services:**

**RE: Attendance at Regional AMEU Meetings**

Dear Sir/Madam

The Association of Municipal Electricity Utilities (AMEU) has been serving the interests of municipalities that operate an electricity distribution service to their communities for almost 100 years. It is unique in that the Municipality is the member of the Association and each member nominates an Engineer representative (the Head of the Electricity Service in most instances) and a local councillor to participate in its activities. It also has a membership base that includes a large proportion of the suppliers of equipment and services to the electricity distribution industry as Affiliate members. Numerous other technical staff of the municipal electricity service also participates in the AMEU Branch activities and annual national conferences.

The aim of the AMEU is to promote good management and high standards in the municipal electricity distribution industry which it does through regular regional (called Branch) meetings and events and annual conferences, in which a wide range of issues affecting our industry are discussed. The AMEU is the formally appointed technical support association to the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) to advise it on these issues which include electricity tariffs, electrification, dealings with Eskom and the National Electricity regulator (NERSA), quality of supply and technical innovation, to name just a few.

All municipalities that are also licensed electricity distributors should be members of the AMEU to ensure that, technical staff and local politicians responsible for the Electricity Service are kept up to date on issues affecting their operations as well as technical advances in the distribution field.

**When:** The AMEU has an Eastern Cape regional Branch that meets twice a year. The second meeting of the 2014 year will be held on the 24 and 25<sup>th</sup> of July, in Nlambe Local Municipal at the Fish River Sun Hotel.

**Who Should Attend:** The Head of the Electricity Services Department and if possible members of his team. The portfolio councillor that is responsible for Electricity Services would also benefit from attending.

**Why they should attend:** The meetings provide insight into the Electricity Distribution field and cover issues such as compliance issues, quality of supply and service guidelines such as NRS 048, new products on the market, distribution losses, NERSA Licensing issues, and many more.

**Cost of attendance:** There is no attendance fee for the Branch meeting but delegates are expected to cover their own travel and subsistence costs to participate in the two day event. Although the cost of attending the meetings is kept to a minimum, it is understood that some of the smaller municipalities are constrained in supporting their employees to attend such events.

**If this is the situation for your Municipality, you may request assistance to cover some of the costs for the attendance of a representative.**

Any such requests should be submitted to Ms Shamiela Adams, the current Chairman of the Regional EC Branch of the AMEU, at [sadams@mandelametro.gov.za](mailto:sadams@mandelametro.gov.za) / 041 392 4364/079 4900 286 for attendance at the meeting at the Fish River Sun Hotel on 24 and 25 July 2014.

Consideration of assistance will be dependent on the availability of adequate funding at the time of the application.

We wish to see more and more municipalities attending the AMEU meetings to assist in the process of more effective and efficient service delivery to our customers.

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**Shamiela Adams**

**Chairperson: AMEU Eastern Cape Branch**