

FEEDBACK FROM AMEU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF 13 & 14 FEBRUARY 2018

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PRESENTATION LAYOUT

- ▶ Legal and Statutory Committee
- ▶ Publicity Committee
- ▶ Tariffs Committee
- ▶ Technical Committee
- ▶ Education and Training Committee

SALAGA/ESKOM COOPERATION AND MOU

- ▶ There is no movement on the SDA's , demarcation of distribution areas nor on the licencing condition rights. This leaves SALGA extremely frustrated so are the municipalities.
- ▶ The IMTT that was looking at resolving these issues has since been clouded by other issues, such as the non payment of water boards as well as municipal debts amongst other things.
- ▶ The Upcoming SALGA Energy Summit maybe the place for the municipalities, through AMEU to vent out all these frustrations, with the hope that the ministers will make commitments.

SALGA

- ▶ Still waiting on DOE for clarity on IRP and Licensing Exemptions.
- ▶ Though the Minister announced that the Cabinet has resolved this, the copy of the cabinet resolution is not forthcoming.
- ▶ We need copy of Cabinet resolution in order to know what to apply and how in this regard.
- ▶ SALGA to formally request the copy of the cabinet resolution.
- ▶ Municipal debts to Eskom are sitting at R13b as of end January 2018.
- ▶ Possible to get Installation Electricians to do Green Card course. Eastern Cape has a process in place.

NERSA

- ▶ Will ask comments on Licensing Regulations: rules for Renewable Energy, Grid Code and Wheeling.
- ▶ Can request CoS costs in tariff application, however there aren't any clear guidelines on how to do so.
- ▶ NERSA is reviewing the NMD rules, SALGA and Eskom is participating in the review.
- ▶ The client won the tariff court case at Ekurhuleni. Ekurhuleni to present at the next meeting on the details.

PUBLICITY AND PAPERS COMMITTEE

- ▶ Preparations for the 2018 Convention were progressing well with the deposit for the venues already paid and will be at CSIR.
- ▶ Theme and subthemes of the upcoming 2018 Convention have been finalised.
- ▶ Finer details on the logistics to be finalised.
- ▶ Call for papers closes end on March 2018.

TARIFF COMMITTEE

- ▶ NERSA to give feedback on the third party access rules as well as the reseller rules.
- ▶ Municipalities were encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Eskom NMD policy.
- ▶ A need is also identified for Eskom to workshop the policy in-house, as some of its employees seem not to understand the very same policy.
- ▶ Currently there is no municipality with a NERSA approved wheeling tariff. Eskom uses Mega flex tariff when heeling via a municipal network.
- ▶ Eskom encourages the municipalities whose network they are using free of charge for wheeling, to come forth as they would like to correct this.

TARIFF COMMITTEE

- ▶ NERSA to take into consideration the municipality budget timetables for tabling budget in March and adopt by end May.
- ▶ Guidelines not received on time have an effect.
- ▶ Eskom approved is 5.23% but municipality will see 7.32% due to new budget cycle starting in July.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

- ▶ SALGA Energy Summit to take place from the 7-9 March 2018 in Sandton.
- ▶ The theme: Defining an Energy Future for Local Government.
- ▶ Invitations have been forwarded to the municipalities, however the AMEU to play a vital role in this summit and municipalities are encouraged to register.
- ▶ Opportunity for the AMEU and municipalities to express their frustrations as well as challenges to the politicians and hopefully there will be commitments made on their side.
- ▶ Still no agreements reached by DoE and the Department of Human Settlement regarding electrification.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

- ▶ MOU to be signed between Eskom and SALGA/AMEU to enable access by the municipalities to its training courses.
- ▶ Eskom has advertised for the next intake for the GCC program.
- ▶ Standing committee to look at the training needs relating to WIE.
- ▶ ISDG guidelines to be provided to enable the municipalities to participate in the next round.
- ▶ Institutions meant at assisting the municipalities are disjointed, this to be addressed at CoGTA level.
- ▶ Cable jointing qualification is out for comments, LV and MV.

THANK YOU