



INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE CONCURRENCE WITH THE MINISTERIAL DETERMINATION ON THE PROCUREMENT OF 2 500MW NEW GENERATION CAPACITY FROM NUCLEAR

The National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) is a regulatory authority established as a juristic person in terms of Section 3 of the National Energy Regulator Act, 2004 (Act No. 40 of 2004). NERSA's mandate is to regulate the electricity, piped-gas and petroleum pipelines industries in terms of the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 (Act No. 4 of 2006), Gas Act, 2001 (Act No. 48 of 2001) and Petroleum Pipelines Act, 2003 (Act No. 60 of 2003).

According to section 34 of the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 (Act No. 4 of 2006), NERSA is required to appropriately apply its regulatory reviews and make a decision prior to the conclusion of the determination process by the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy.

NERSA received Section 34 determinations from Minister of DMRE for the procurement of 2 500MW new generation capacity from nuclear. This is in line with Decision 8 of the Integrated Resource Plan for Electricity (published as GN 1360 of 18 October 2019 in Government Gazette No. 42784 (IRP 2019)). The determined capacity will reach commercial operation in the time horizon beyond 2030. The capacity is to provide clean baseload capacity in response to the approximately 24 100MW of coal capacity being decommissioned as well as to maintain supply-demand balance and improve energy security.

The consultation paper is available on NERSA's website at www.nersa.org.za under 'Electricity/Consultation/Notices'. Stakeholders and members of the public are requested to provide written comments on the ministerial determination. *Stakeholders are requested to indicate with their written comment submission if they will be interested in making oral representation to the Regulator in public hearings to be held after the closure of the written comments period.*

The written comments must be submitted to NERSA for the attention of Mr Dennis Seemela at:

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