



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYORAL COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MALMESBURY ON TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2026 AT 10:15

PRESENT:

Executive Mayor, Ald J H Cleophas (chairperson)
Executive Deputy Mayor, Ald J M de Beer

Members of the Mayoral Committee:

Cllr D G Bess
Cllr N Smit
Ald T van Essen
Cllr A K Warnick

Other councillors:

Speaker, Ald M A Rangasamy

Officials:

Municipal Manager, Mr J J Scholtz
Director: Financial Services, Mr M A C Bolton
Director: Electrical Engineering Services, Mr T Möller
Director: Protection Services, Mr H Witbooi
Director: Civil Engineering Services, Mr L D Zikmann
Director: Development Services, Ms J S Krieger
Director: Corporate Services, Ms M S Terblanche
Manager: Secretariat and Records Services, Ms N Brand

1. OPENING/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Chairperson opened the meeting.

2. PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS/SPEECHES

None.

3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 MUNICIPAL ELECTRICITY TARIFF INCREASE APPLICATION TO NERSA FOR 2026/27 AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5/4/1/3)

The Director: Electrical Engineering Services gave background to the report following the judgment issued by the North Gauteng High Court on 20 February 2026 regarding the timeframes for the 2026/27 municipal tariff increase application process.

The Director: Electrical Engineering Services highlighted the requirements that all municipalities must adhere to as per NERSA media statement issued on 12 March 2026, namely:

- (a) The tariff application must be submitted on or before 31 March 2026
- (b) The tariff application must be signed and authorised by the relevant official authority
- (c) Confirmation that the tariffs applied for is authorised by the Municipal Council
- (d) Confirmation that customers were consulted on the proposed tariffs
- (e) Submission of audited regulatory financial information for 2024/25 to be submitted to NERSA.

The complete Tariff Application document that will be submitted to NERSA on 31 March 2026, after approval by Council is attached for information.

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The Director: Electrical Services discussed the factors contributing to the proposed 11.44% increase in electricity tariffs, amongst others, the calculation error by NERSA, the 2023/2024 Cost of Supply Study (valid van 5 years), new developments, etc.

A discussion followed on the possibility to lower the proposed tariff, as the public is not aware of the factors influencing the increase. The Director: Financial Services mentioned that the process required from NERSA must be followed to obtain public inputs into the proposed tariff by 31 March 2026. The Municipal Manager confirmed that the public inputs received will be considered and that the administration will attempt to lower the tariff to under 11%. Cllr Warnick also mentioned that the changes are good that NERSA will considering lowering the tariff if the application is received.

RESOLUTION

(proposed by Cllr A K Warnick, seconded by Ald J M de Beer)

- (a) That the Executive Mayoral Committee recommends to Council the proposed application to NERSA for an electricity tariff increase of 11.44%, (based on the COS principles effected in 2023-2024) for 2026/27;
- (b) That the Executive Mayoral Committee supports the proposed public participation process as to enable Swartland to meet the NERSA requirement to provide proof that the municipality has given the public an opportunity to provide input on the proposed tariff increase and that such input close on the 31st of March at 12 midday;
- (c) That notices be placed at council main offices and the detail be made available for scrutiny on council's website from 17 March 2026;
- (d) That cognisance be taken of the substantial calculation error by NERSA, amounting to R54bn resulting in +/- 3.4% increase in the Eskom tariff. Council expressed its dissatisfaction that the direct consequences thereof is that increased electricity tariffs to the municipal customers must now be considered.

[Note: That cognisance be taken of the request by Ald T van Essen that his objection to the increase of 11.44% be recorded and that the 9.01% increase be supported.]

(SIGNED) J H CLEOPHAS
EXECUTIVE MAYOR