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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 1048 OF 2013

NATIONAL ENERGY REGULATOR OF SOUTH AFRICA

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 2(3)(A) OF BOTH

THE GAS REGULATOR LEVIES ACT, 2002 (NO. 75 OF 2002)

AND OF

THE PETROLEUM LEVIES ACT, 2004 (NO. 28 OF 2004)

Proposed Levy on the Piped-Gas and Petroleum Pipeline Industries for 2014/15

The National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA or 'the Energy Regulator'), acting under section 2(3)(a) of both the Gas Regulator Levies Act, 2002 (Act No. 75 of 2002) and the Petroleum Pipeline Levies Act, 2004 (Act No. 28 of 2004), hereby publishes the proposed levies on the piped-gas and petroleum pipeline industries for the 2014/15 financial year to bring it to the attention of the stakeholders in the piped-gas and petroleum pipeline industries and invite representations to be made to the Energy Regulator within thirty days of the date of this publication. NERSA's strategic overview of the Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan (2014/15 – 2017/18) with Budget (2014/15) is available on the NERSA website: www.nersa.org.za.

The total NERSA Expenditure Budget amounts to R 324 076 178 for 2014/15 (2013/14: R 275 907 345) with the specific budgets for the three industries being as follows:

- Electricity Industry: R181 729 876 (2013/14: R159 225 099)
- Piped-gas Industry: R 73 497 604 (2013/14: R 56 942 531)
- Petroleum Pipelines Industry: R 68 848 698 (2013/14: R 59 739 715)

The expenditure budget represents an increase of 7.72% over the expenditure budget for the National Energy Regulator for the financial year 2013/14.

In the 2014/15 budget, the levy payable by the licensed generators for the electricity regulation industry will be effectively reduced by a refund of surplus funds to the value of R6 344 195m and interest of R2 194 059m. The piped gas and petroleum pipeline industry levies will be reduced by a refund of surplus funds of R8 346 234 and R1 924 312 respectively and half of R1 588 802 interest receivable.

Taking this into account, the total amount that NERSA will have to recover through levy income is R303 678 577 for 2014/15 (2013/14: R236 785 743) for the three industries being as follows:

- Electricity Industry: R173 191 622 (2012/13: R137 043 936)
- Piped-gas Industry: R 64 356 969 (2012/13: R 48 808 067)
- Petroleum Pipelines Industry: R 66 129 698 (2012/13: R 50 933 740)

Proposed Piped-Gas Levy 2014/15

The proposed levy to be imposed on the piped-gas industry is **37.930 c/Gj** (2013/14: 30.1657 c/Gj) in respect of the amount of gas, measured in Gigajules, delivered by importers and producers to the inlet flanges of transmission and distribution pipelines and will be paid by the person holding the title to the gas at the inlet flange. The levy shall be payable to the National Energy Regulator, as from 01 April 2014 to 31 March 2015, by persons concerned.

The proposed levy was determined based on an estimated volume of 169.6 million Gj per annum and the 2014/15 Annual Performance Plan and Budget requirement, for the regulation of the piped-gas industry, of R64 356 969 against the expenditure of R73 497 604 as documented above.

Proposed Petroleum Pipeline Levy 2014/15

The proposed levy to be imposed on the petroleum pipeline industry is **0.40437 c/litre** (2013/14: 0.2878 c/litre) in respect of the amount of petroleum, measured in litres, delivered by importers, refiners and producers to the inlet flanges of petroleum pipelines and will be paid by the person holding the title to the petroleum immediately after it has entered the inlet flange. The levy shall be payable to the National Energy Regulator, as from 01 April 2014 to 31 March 2015, by persons concerned.

The proposed levy was determined based on an estimated volume of 16.3 billion litres per annum and the 2014/15 Annual Performance Plan and Budget requirement, for the regulation of the petroleum pipelines industry, of R66 129 986 against the expenditure of R68 848 698 as documented above.

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