NATIONAL ENERGY REGULATOR OF SOUTH AFRICA

NERSA EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS ON DRAFT NERSA RULES FOR ELECTRICITY TRADING

On 17 June 2026, the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) approved the release of the revised Draft NERSA Rules for Electricity Trading (‘the Rules’) for a second round of stakeholder consultation. Developed in accordance with section 35 of the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 (Act No. 4 of 2006) (‘the ERA’), the Rules have been substantially expanded and refined in response to stakeholder feedback and to better achieve the objectives identified during the initial consultation process. The revised Rules establish a robust regulatory framework to facilitate the phased introduction and operationalisation of bilateral electricity trading arrangements, thereby advancing the transition to a fully competitive retail electricity market in South Africa.

On 26 August 2026, NERSA announced an extension of the deadline for written submissions on its consultation paper on the Draft NERSA Rules for Electricity Trading from **28 August 2026 to 28 September 2026**. The consultation period for the Rules is hereby extended to allow stakeholders additional time to consider the Rules in conjunction with the forthcoming publication of the Electricity Pricing Policy (EPP).

NERSA recognises the importance of ensuring consistency across all regulatory and policy frameworks currently in development. Accordingly, NERSA fully supports the alignment of the Rules with the EPP. The extension period has been granted to afford stakeholders sufficient time to review the EPP on its publication, evaluate its implications and assess the proposed Rules’ consistency with the EPP. This approach is intended to enable stakeholders to provide feedback that is well-informed, comprehensive and constructive.

Furthermore, NERSA believes that providing stakeholders with adequate time to review these regulatory instruments collectively will enhance the quality and depth of the consultation process. This approach is expected to facilitate the development of electricity trading rules that are fully aligned with the overarching policy framework governing the electricity sector.

In light of the above, the deadline to submit written comments has been extended from Friday, **28 August 2026** to Monday, **28 September 2026**. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit their input to NERSA by the revised closing date, as any comments received after this deadline will regrettably not be considered.

Written comments should be submitted via email to: **TradingRulesDevelopmentTeam@nersa.org.za**.

The draft Rules and consultation paper are available on NERSA's website at www.nersa.org.za under 'Electricity>Consultation', as required by the National Energy Regulator Act, 2004 (Act No. 40 of 2004).