



INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE CONCURRENCE WITH THE MINISTERIAL DETERMINATION ON THE PROCUREMENT OF NEW GENERATION CAPACITY FROM RENEWABLES (WIND AND PHOTOVOLTAIC), STORAGE, GAS AND COAL TECHNOLOGIES

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 new 6 800 megawatts (MW) from renewables (wind and photovoltaic [PV]), 513MW from storage, 3 000MW from gas and 1 500MW from coal, which was gazetted in table 5 of the Integrated Resource Plan for Electricity 2019 – 2030 (published as GN 1360 of 18 October 2019 in Government Gazette No. 42784 (IRP 2019)). The determined capacities were adopted as practical options to minimise the risk of load shedding and/or extensive usage of diesel peaking plants and also to give effect to the mix and the preparation work necessary to execute the retirement and replacement of coal power plants in the period beyond 2030 to 2050.

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.

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

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The closing date for comments is 7 May 2020.

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