

NOTICE REGARDING STAKEHOLDER PRESENTATIONS DURING THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION WORKSHOPS FOR THE INTEGRATED ENERGY PLAN (IEP) AND THE INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN (IRP)

The Department of Energy is currently conducting stakeholder workshops for the Draft IEP and IRP Base Case and scenarios. As part of the stakeholder consultations, the Department has afforded members of the public a platform to provide comments through presentations at the workshops. Over and above presentations, stakeholders have also been afforded the opportunity to ***submit written comments on or before 15 February 2017.***

The objective of the stakeholder presentations is to assist the Department with obtaining context on the viewpoints and perspectives behind stakeholder comments regarding the IEP and IRP assumptions and where necessary provide a mechanism of obtaining and providing further clarity on such comments.

Since the inception of the stakeholder workshops, the Department has received requests from some organisations to make presentations at more than one workshop. The Department is of the view that affording an organisation to make the same presentation at more than one workshop is untenable for the following reasons:

- The objective of holding the stakeholder workshops in different provinces and cities is to enable all members of the South African public with an equal opportunity to provide inputs and to minimise disadvantaging any group of stakeholders due to their geographical location.
- Allowing some stakeholders to present at multiple workshops may create the perception of being unfairly biased towards those stakeholders who are able to make multiple presentations whilst simultaneously not affording those who are not in a position to attend all workshops an equal voice.
- Furthermore the purpose of the stakeholder presentations is to obtain feedback and inputs for the Department to consider. Therefore making the same presentation more than once does not add further value to the information or message which is being made by the presenters.
- If stakeholders are of the view that they were not able to articulate or convey all their points during their presentation, they have been provided with an opportunity to articulate such comments in the form of written submissions – the closing date which is 15 February 2017.
- All stakeholders, those who have made presentations and those that have not made presentations during the stakeholder workshops alike, are encouraged to submit their final comments in writing to the Department on or before 15 February 2017.

The Department would like to assure all stakeholders that all their comments will be treated equitably and that no organisations will be favoured over others during the IEP and IRP stakeholder consultation process.

The Department wishes to thank all stakeholders for their cooperation.