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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**NO. 994****08 SEPTEMBER 2016****NATIONAL ENERGY REGULATOR****NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 2(3)(A) OF BOTH****THE GAS REGULATOR LEVIES ACT, 2002 (NO. 75 OF 2002)****AND****THE PETROLEUM PIPELINES LEVIES ACT, 2004 (NO. 28 OF 2004)****Proposed Levy on the Piped-Gas and Petroleum Pipeline Industries for 2017/18**

The National Energy Regulator (NERSA), acting under section 2(3)(a) of both the Gas Regulator Levies Act, 2002 (Act No. 75 of 2002) and the Petroleum Pipelines Levies Act, 2004 (Act No. 28 of 2004), hereby publishes the proposed levies on the piped-gas and petroleum pipeline industries for the 2017/18 financial year. The aim is to bring the proposed levies 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 (2017/18 – 2019/18) with the Budget (2017/18) is available on the NERSA website: www.nersa.org.za.

The total NERSA Expenditure Budget amounts to R368,370,726 for 2017/18 (2016/17: R319,119,058) with the specific budgets for the three industries being as follows:

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| • Electricity Industry: | R211,848,808 (2016/17: R181,658,741) |
| • Piped-Gas Industry: | R80,404,346 (2016/17: R67,686,087) |
| • Petroleum Pipelines Industry: | R76,117,572 (2016/17: R69,592,500) |

The expenditure budget for the Energy Regulator for the 2017/18 financial year represents an increase of 15.43% over the previous expenditure budget.

In the 2017/18 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 R30,753,352 and interest and other income of R3,532,003. The piped-gas and petroleum pipelines industry levies will be reduced by a refund of surplus funds of R21,246,676 and R7,776,086 respectively and an equal share of R2,557,657 for interest and other income.

Taking this into account, the total amount that NERSA will have to recover through levy income is R302,504,951 for 2017/18 (2016/17: R288,937,445) for the three industries being as follows:

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| • Electricity Industry: | R177,563,453 (2016/17: R166,210,126) |
| • Piped-Gas Industry: | R57,878,841 (2016/17: R55,945,854) |
| • Petroleum Pipelines Industry: | R67,062,657 (2016/17: R66,781,465) |

Proposed Piped-Gas Levy 2017/18

The proposed levy to be imposed on the piped-gas industry is **31.286 c/Gj** (2016/17: 30.359 c/Gj) in respect of the amount of gas, measured in Gigajoules, 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 2017 to 31 March 2018, by persons concerned.

The proposed levy was determined based on an estimated volume of 185.0 million Gj per annum and the 2017/18 Annual Performance Plan and Budget requirement, for the regulation of the piped-gas industry, of R57,878,841 against the expenditure of R80,404,346 as documented above.

Proposed Petroleum Pipeline Levy 2017/18

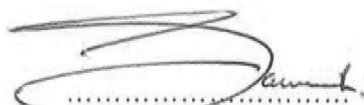
The proposed levy to be imposed on the petroleum pipeline industry is **0.37923 c/litre** (2016/17: 0.39595 c/litre) in respect of the amount of petroleum, measured in litres, delivered by importers, refiners and producers to the inlet flanges of petroleum pipelines and will be paid by the person holding 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 2017 to 31 March 2018, by persons concerned.

The proposed levy was determined based on an estimated volume of 17.7 billion litres per annum and the 2017/18 Annual Performance Plan and Budget requirement, for the regulation of the petroleum pipelines industry, of R67,062,657 against the expenditure of R76,117,572 as documented above.

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