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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**NOTICE 112 OF 2017**

**INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT LANGUAGE POLICY OF THE
NATIONAL ENERGY REGULATOR OF SOUTH AFRICA**

The National Energy Regulator 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). The Energy Regulator'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).

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, provides for the equitable use of all the official languages of the country, as well as for the promotion and development of the historically marginalised indigenous languages. Apart from the 11 official languages, the Constitution also recognises other languages such as Nama, Khoi, San and Sign Languages, which must also be promoted and developed.

The draft Language Policy of the National Energy Regulator (the Regulator), which seeks to provide broad guidelines for the implementation of a system of functional multilingualism, was developed as a direct result of the imperatives of the Constitution and the Use of Official Languages Act, 2012 (Act no 12 of 2012), which gives effect to the constitutional rights regarding language usage and development. The draft Language Policy is available on the Energy Regulator website at http://www.nersa.org.za/notices/invitation_to_comment

Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to comment on this draft Language Policy in writing. The deadline for comments is **07 March 2017**.

Written comments and enquires must be sent to:

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