



INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE CONCURRENCE WITH THE MINISTERIAL DETERMINATION ON THE PROCUREMENT OF NEW GENERATION CAPACITY OF 202 MEGAWATTS FROM A RANGE OF ENERGY SOURCE TECHNOLOGIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SHORT-TERM RISK MITIGATION CAPACITY ALLOCATED UNDER THE HEADING 'OTHERS' IN THE IRP 2019 THROUGH THE SHORT-TERM POWER PURCHASE PROGRAMME

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).

NERSA received a section 34 determination from the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy for the procurement of 202 megawatt (MW) of new electricity capacity from a range of energy source technologies, in accordance with the short-term risk mitigation capacity allocated under the heading 'Others', for the years 2019 to 2022, in Table 5 of the Integrated Resource Plan for Electricity 2019 – 2030 (published by Government Notice 1360 of 18 October 2019 in *Government Gazette* No. 42784) ('IRP 2019'). The determined capacity is adopted as a short-term practical option to minimise the risk of load-shedding and/or the extensive usage of diesel peaking plants by purchasing power from Independent Power Producers (IPPs), through the Short-Term Power Purchase Programme (STPPP).

According to section 34 of the Electricity Regulation Act, 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.

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 Mondli Shozi** at:

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