

Press Statement

Update on ZESCO's Tariff Application

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The Energy Regulation Board (ERB) would like to advise that a Public Hearing on the application by ZESCO Limited to review electricity tariffs by 75% will be held on 5th May 2017 in Lusaka.

So far, 36 submissions have been received from consumers who are either in support of or against ZESCO's intention to increase tariffs from the current levels by 50% on 1st May and 25% by September 2017. The deadline for submissions from members of the public lapsed on 24th April 2017.

Some of the submitters include churches, Kabuta village community in Chinsali, Non-Governmental Organisations Coordinating Council, Business Regulatory Review Agency and Zambia Association of Manufacturers.

Consequently, in line with the Electricity Act Cap 433 of the Laws of Zambia, the ERB will convene a Public Hearing at a venue to be advised to allow submitters make their case in person before the Board.

Public participation is critical in the tariff determination process as prescribed by the law. However, in the event that no comments are submitted the ERB can proceed to render its decision without holding a Public Hearing.

The ERB recognises that the tariff application is a matter of public interest and as such will announce its decision soon after the hearing.



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