

NOTICE

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ESKOM BULK ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INTERRUPTION

NOTICE: 56/2019 DATE 16/5/2019

It is noted that Eskom in terms of their notice as advertised in the Daily Despatch and The Herald on 20 March 2019 will be reinstating the bulk electricity supply interruptions to Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality. According to this notice the action is as a result of the persistent breach of the payment agreement as per the suspension notice issued on the 29 October 2018.

The municipality has been in continuous negotiation with Eskom. However, these negotiations have now been taken over by the MEC's for Finance and Corporative Governance and Traditional affairs or the Eastern Cape on behalf of the municipality. The MEC's met on 11 April 2019 where after they informed the municipality that the matter has been escalated to the relevant Minister. The municipality does owe Eskom but it worth mentioning that Eskom also owes the municipality money transpiring form the wheeling agreement between Eskom and the municipality. The municipality has proposed to Eskom that the outstanding accounts be set off against each other which Eskom is considering.

The good news is that the agreement with Eskom has been concluded on 16 May 2019. The municipality will pay the monthly bulk account and settle the arrears as agreed.

Regards

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