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### **SUMMARY OF ELECTRICITY EVENTS TO DATE**

#### **28 November 2016**

Meeting with GTM – System not maintained; warned the system will collapse

Issues Raised

- Maintenance
- Maintenance Budget
- Vegetation
- Leadership

#### **8 December 2016**

Gavin Tennant wrote a letter to NERSA

Issues raised in the letter

- Neglect of network over 20 years
- Professional Engineer in possession of a government certificate of competency
- Safety; Auto re-closures
- Obligations of the Distribution license

#### **5 January 2017**

Letter written to Sam Lelope & Benjamin Mathebula (Acting MM); emailed and hand-delivered.

Issues raised in the letter

Reiterating the crises and offering assistance; e.g. vegetation control

#### **10 January 2017**

Official complaint letter written to NERSA

#### **12 January 2017**

Electricity meeting that was held between GTM, Farmers and Community members.

Issues Raised

- Communication
- Vegetation
- Transformers/Voltage

Response from GTM

- Progress of finalising computerised system in control room
- Priority to appoint a service provider – vegetation
- 5 Transformers will be delivered by 20 January and additional 19 are being rewired.
- Plan of Action will be send

#### **26 January 2017**

Meeting with NERSA – Discussed the issues raised

#### **26 January 2017**

Meeting with NERSA and GTM

#### Issues Raised

- Maintenance & Vegetation
- Mismanagement
- Appointment of Director
- Way forward

#### Decision made:

- NERSA to meet with GTM
- Prioritise setting up a forum
- Monitoring team from NERSA will come to Tzaneen
- Hold GTM accountable on their action plan
- NERSA will audit again; which the GTM must adhere to
- The appointed consultants must be presented to the forum to make sure they can execute the work
- A legal plan of action will be put in place should the GTM not adhere to their action plan or licensing conditions
- A Masterplan must be put in place

#### **6 & 7 February 2017**

Letter written to NERSA to meet; discussing following:

- Electricity Regulation Act – Electricity Licences and Registration
- Occupational Health and Safety Act 1993, appointment of a certified engineer

Letter written to the Department of Labour

Brought the following under the Department's attention:

- Electrical Certified Engineer that must be appointed

#### **20 February 2017**

Gavin Tennant and Rob Allen met with the Chief Inspector of Machinery to address the competence and safety issues.

Decision: The Chief Inspector; Carol Mthethwa will investigate the GTM's Director of the Department.

#### **21 February 2017**

Electrical Forum Meeting

Issue raised

- The Establishment of the Electricity Forum  
It was decided that the following parties will be involved:  
Agri Letaba – representing farmers  
Business Chamber – representing businesses  
Community – representing the greater community  
NERSA – monitoring  
GTM – representatives not finalised yet  
CFO of GTM

A second Action Plan from the GTM has been send through.

Feedback from previous matters

- Vegetation Control: a Service provider has been appointed
- Shortage of Transformers: 2 x transformers installed at Middelkop and La Cotte, 1 x transformer installed at Henley and 3 x transformers are expected to be deliver by 24 February 2017.
- Lack of Crane Truck: Waiting for finalisation of the budget
- Planned Maintenance of the Network: Waiting for budget. Proof was requested from CFO that 6% of electricity income are allocated for maintenance.

- Capital Budget: Rebuilding of lines and renewing of network has been budgeted, but waiting for approval.
- Vehicles: New vehicles has been budgeted, but waiting for approval

#### **21 February 2017**

Gavin Tennant wrote a letter to Sam Lelope regarding the appointment of the Director of the Electrical Department that must be a Certified Engineer.  
Feedback was supposed to be send back within 7 days, but no feedback has been given up to date.

#### **10 March 2017**

Email send to NERSA

Requesting an urgent meeting regarding the monitoring and audit from NERSA

The situation is deteriorating and frustrations are running high. We need urgent intervention from NERSA.

#### **10 March 2017**

Sam Lelope sent an email regarding a new establishment of the forum; resulting in an extension of the time line.

#### **15 March 2017**

Spoke to Sam Lelope regarding the current outages (2 – 4 days) in the Letsitele area. Both the Henley and La Cotte Transformers are 'lost'. He cannot provide a reason at the moment as they are the two new transformers that were replaced in February.

#### **16 March 2017**

Meeting scheduled with NERSA at NERSA office.

Feedback to follow

#### **16 March 2017**

*A meeting was held with Mbulelo Ncetezo; Full-Time Regulator: Electricity from NERSA at the NERSA offices in Pretoria. The meeting was attended by Pieter Vorster and Gavin Tennant. Gavin Tennant compiled two folders with a detailed account of the situation; including pictures.*

*NERSA requested time to follow up on all the information provided and assured Agri Letaba that they will respond within 2 weeks.*

#### **4 April 2017**

*A follow up letter was sent to Mr Ncetezo from NERSA requesting an urgent response from them. An additional incident report with a video clip and a picture of a loose stray wire that was touching one of the conductors which started to cause a dead short with the ensuing fire was attached to the letter.*

*No response have been received from NERSA.*

#### **5 April 2017**

*Email and phone calls have been made to follow up with NERSA and the Chief of Machinery; Carol Mthethwa.*

*Considering the seriousness of the matter and the lack of correspondence and response from NERSA and the Chief of Machinery; Carol Mthethwa - Agri Letaba sent an email to Pieter Laubscher; the Deputy Director for Electrical Engineering – Department of Labour.*

#### **9 – 10 April 2017**



*Various phone calls and emails to follow up from NERSA and the Department.  
As soon as Agri Letaba receive any feedback it will be send to the members.*

**12 April 2017**

*Gavin Tennant got hold of Pieter Laubscher; the Deputy Director of Electrical Engineering – Dept. of Labour. He promised that Carol from the Polokwane office will call Agri Letaba today.*

**12 April 2017 – Feedback from the Dept. of Labour**

*I have checked in our registers and found that indeed the incident has no the reported to our office. I then contacted the municipality manager with no Luck. However I made a appointment for the investigation to take place next week Friday the 21 April 2017 and inspections will be done before the end of this month.*

*Regards*

*Carol Mthethwa*

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**13 April 2017 - Feedback from NERSA**

**Audit has been scheduled.**

*Good day*

*As discussed in our telephone conversation, I will confirm the date that NERSA will do the distribution audit at Tzaneen by the 28 April 2017. We still need to engage with the Municipality on a suitable date and due to the holidays in April, we have not been able to contact the relevant officials from the Municipality.*

*Regards*

*Tamai Hore*

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**18 April 2017 – Forum Meeting**

Forum has been established.

2 x Letters were given to the GTM for feedback: HK Houers and Granor Passi

Terms of Reference was drawn up and sent to the Forum representatives

**25 April 2017 – Forum Meeting**

No feedback received from the letters that was given at the previous meeting.

Feedback from GTM:

- Vegetation: Service provider has been appointed
- Transformers: Awaiting 6 transformers from service provider
- Lack of vehicles hinders maintenance

- 24 hour manual reporting system in control room will be improved. A service provider has been appointed.

#### **8 May 2017**

NERSA performed an audit of the GTM's Electrical distribution system. Agri Letaba, who requested the audit was excluded from the audit. Moswatse (Sam) Lelope; head of the Electrical Department however was invited to attend the audit.

Still awaiting audit feedback.

#### **5 October 2017**

Received email from the GTM regarding the bulk increase rates:

16kva was R1957 p/kva

New 16kva connection cost: R45 925.70 p/kva

16kva connection was R4732.00

New 16kva connection: R96 541.70

#### **5 October 2017**

Electricity Forum was held at the GTM Council Chambers.

Minutes of this meeting was only received the **7<sup>th</sup> of March 2018**. (6 months after the meeting)

A majority of the meeting was spend discussed the 'format' of the Forum meetings.

#### **23 November 2017**

Agri Letaba sent letter regarding the illegality of the bulk increase to the GTM (hand delivered)

- Procedural point of view
- Distribution Code and methodology
- Procedural requirements

Agri Letaba requested the following:

- Withdraw the increased rates with immediate effect, revert back to the previous rates and refund any customers who have already paid over the increased rates.
- To refer the total calculations back for clarification and revision.
- Should an increase in rates be proven justified, the correct and lawful procedures are to be followed with the required public participation.
- To ensure inclusion of the Energy Forum in current and future electrical matter as was the initial intention with the formation of the forum which is deemed 'Public Participation'

#### **30 November 2017**

Received letter from the GTM: Electrical Bulk Services Contribution Policy: The GTM Management hereby informs Agri Letaba and Business Chambers that the matter has been held in abeyance until further considerations by the affected stakeholders.

#### **26 January 2018**

Agri Letaba attended the IDP meeting and requested a break-down of the IDP Electricity budget.

#### **31 January 2018**

Consumer: Electricity Action Plan meeting was held with various business owners and farmers to discuss a way forward.

Decided to get legal and technical advice from Agri SA, Afriforum and the Business Chamber.

**15 February 2018**

Summary of the status of the Tzaneen network was sent to NERSA; this report includes the Primary Supply and areas, the distribution, general information, metering & billing and other information.

**27 February 2018**

Agri Letaba had a meeting with NERSA at the NERSA offices. Various options on a way forward was discussed.

Agri Letaba requested that NERSA attend the Forum meeting until the electricity issue is under control.

Agri Letaba requested the compliance audit report that was done by NERSA.

Agri Letaba requested an additional technical audit.

If no objection was raised by the 17<sup>th</sup> of March by the GTM the compliance audit that was done will be available to the public.

It was agreed that a technical independent audit of the distribution system would be done by a reputable firm, mutually agreeable to both parties.

Agri Letaba have undertaken to fund the audit on behalf of NERSA as NERSA does not have the budget nor the resources.

**27 – 28 February 2018**

Gavin Tennant approached a reputable audit company and informed them of the scope of work. (Aurecon)

**6 March 2018**

Mr Szana from the Department of Labour was contacted to arrange a meeting to discuss the various Electricity issues and problems.

Waiting for confirmation.

**14 March 2018**

Electricity Forum meeting held at the GTM office; NERSA, Agri Letaba, Business Chamber and a Community Representative attended the meeting.

The Councillor Mr Ntimbane did not attend the meeting again.

**17 March 2018**

Email received from Aurecon: They will not be able to do the technical audit.

Another company has been contacted with the same scope of work.

**5 April 2018**

Compliance Audit Report received from NERSA

**9 April 2018**

Electricity Forum discussed the way forward to enable us to fund the Technical Audit.

**10 April 2018**

Agri Letaba and Business Chamber representative had a meeting with the GTM Mayor regarding the situation. Following both a political and technical route.

**10 April 2018**

Gavin Tennant & Rob Allen met with the Chief Inspector regarding the OHS act and the GTM's compliance thereof.



**12 April 2018**

Letter email to NERSA

Final Electricity Distribution Compliance Audit Report

GTM had been given 120 days from receipt of the final Compliance Audit to rectify the instances. The letter was to follow up if these 'tasks' have been completed.

**4 May 2018**

Electrical Forum meeting held with the GTM, Agri Letaba, Business Chamber, Community Representative, NERSA and the DBSA. (Development Bank of South Africa)

The GTM approached the DBSA for financial assistance. The DBSA will lend R90 million to the GTM to start the process of renewing and rebuilding the Electrical Infrastructure. Once the money has been given to the GTM, DBSA will keep visiting the municipality to check on the progress.

The Forum requested that a Technical Audit be done to identify the areas and the electrical issues that should be prioritized. With a Technical Audit will be beneficial for all the parties involved:

- Network, repairs and maintenance will be prioritized
- DBSA will be able to monitor the work done and where the money is being spend
- The GTM will have a 'master plan' to work with in the future

**16 May 2018**

Email sent to the Municipal Manager: Reiterating the importance of a technical audit.

No reply.

**21 May 2018**

Email sent to the Municipal Manager: Reiterating the importance of a technical audit.

No reply.

**31 May 2018**

Email sent to the Municipal Manager: Reiterating the importance of a technical audit.

No reply.

**9 July 2018**

Email sent to the Municipal Manager: Reiterating the importance of a technical audit.

No reply.

Pieter Vorster (Chairman of Agri Letaba) sent an email to Thapelo Matlala; Municipal Manager of the GTM urging him of the importance of a technical audit.

No reply has been received from the GTM.

**23 July 2018**

Email sent to the Municipal Manager: Reiterating the importance of a technical audit.

No reply.

**21 August 2018**

Email sent to Andrew Laubscher requesting feedback regarding:

- Has the DBSA funds been received?
- If so, when and where will it be allocated?
- With what repairs and maintenance are the municipality currently busy with?

No reply

**26 September 2018**

Forum Meeting was held at the Council Chamber

The following issues were raised:

**Vegetation Schedule** – Mr Lelope said they are on schedule, but not sure about the areas that have been cleaned and cleared and which areas still needed to be cleared.

**Transformers** – The forum requested the number and size of the transformers that is on the backlog and how many spare transformers are in the store.

Mr Lelope wasn't sure about the number of backlogged transformers or how many spares the GTM have.

**Insurance** (cable and transformer theft) – Mr Lelope mentioned that the new insurance portfolio will commence from the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. He is not sure about the details.

**Vehicles and Crane Truck** – budget allocated for the purchase of the crane, but not new vehicles.

**Feedback from GTM** – The issue regarding the lack of feedback was raised at the meeting. The Forum requested that Mr Lelope arrange a meeting with the Mayor of the GTM, but it has yet to happen.

**DBSA Loan** – the forum requested feedback on the DBSA loan. No definite date could be given for when the loan will be given to the GTM. The DBSA loan will be allocated for the projects mentioned in the IDP.

**Whatsapp messages** – Mr Lelope said that the whatsapp messages are not a formal way of communication. The GTM will create their own groups which will enable them to be the admin of the various groups.

### **1 October 2018**

The Forum Minutes of 26 September 2018 were sent to the Forum members.

### **2 October 2018**

Agri Letaba replies to the minutes with various questions regarding the issues raised in the Forum meeting, but that couldn't be answered.

### **3 October 2018**

Mr Lelope replied to the feedback email from Agri Letaba:

'The GTM will not report our day-to-day operations to Agri Letaba or any member outside the GTM'

### **13 November 2018**

Pieter Vorster, Hansie Botha (Chamber) and Kobus van Wyk had a meeting with the Mayor and the MM of the GTM.

The meeting was asked for after our frustrating meetings during the forum meetings going nowhere.

The Mayor was sympathetic toward our frustrations and the MM assured us that the R30mil plus an additional R10mil has been paid into the GTM's account.

Vehicles has been bought and they are busy putting the correct equipment on and they are investigating very high-tech security for the transformers being stolen so often.

The GTM has promised to set up better communication channels for us as clients to be informed of the progress made.

We have resend our last requests (see 26 Sept) and is still awaiting their response.

*Still no feedback from GTM regarding our requests*

### **6 December 2018**

Letter send to GTM from P.P. Boerdery – Ria Kleynhans.

Ria made a summary of the outages they experienced over a month.

*No reply from the GTM*



#### 14 December 2018

Letter send from Chris van Eck regarding the outages and low voltage they have been experiencing for 5 consecutive days. Letter was send via email and hand delivered to the Mayor's Secretary.

*No reply from the GTM*

#### 12 January 2019

Resent letter to the GTM from HK Houers that was sent on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2017.

*No reply from GTM*

#### 14 January 2019

Forum meeting (excluding NERSA and GTM) held to discuss the way forward.

Thabo Mavunda from Westfalia will put together a document that will include production and job losses in the area.

Naomi Excell and Rob Allen will put together a document that will include pictures of the dilapidated network, customer summaries of outages and issues/questions raised by consumers and any other detail relevant to the Electricity issue.

These documents will be put together for various Ministers. (Ministers: Agriculture, Treasury, Infrastructure, etc.)

The local media will be contacted.

#### 14 February 2019

Energy Forum Meeting held at GTM offices.

The same issues were raised as in previous meetings:

**Vegetation:** Phase one was done before the rainy season. Phase two was stopped due to budget constraints.

Mr Hubble's letter was presented to the forum. No vegetation maintenance for 10 years, after he reported it many times. A Tree broke the line and a live wire was on the fence and ground (auto-reclosers not in place). A ram (sheep) got electrocuted and died. The electricians took two hours to get to his farm to secure the line (couldn't lift it yet).

**Human lives are in danger! OHS act?**

**Transformers:** six 2MVA transformers were placed at substations. The transformers and substations are not secured yet and theft is a constant problem.

The farming community are busy securing the Plains transformer on their own cost.

**Meter Reading:** The GTM was 'not aware' of the meter readings not taking place or incorrect billing.

**Communication and Correspondence:** The Forum asked the GTM to please communicate with them to eliminate long meeting and frustration building due to the lack of feedback from the GTM.

**Insurance:** The forum requested that the GTM communicate the feedback to the forum once the head of the Department has spoken to the CFO.

The frustration of the meetings is that the same issues were raised as previously, with no definite outcome or 'light' at the end of the tunnel.

**Theft:** The question was raised regarding the 5 GTM workers that were involved in the transformer theft. The GTM replied that these 5 individuals had been suspended. A Criminal case had been opened.

#### 3 April 2019

Agri Letaba went to see Agri SA to ask for support.

Decision:

- Concept plan must be formulated

- External advocate advice
- Decide on the financial implication
- Talk to the minister of Energy

#### **12 June 2019**

Agri Letaba: Naomi Excell, Gavin Tennant and Rob Allen went to see Adv. Loxton from MacRobert Attorneys in Sandton.

#### **Feedback:**

- It was again confirmed that it is possible to compel a government entity (such as Eskom or a local municipality) to perform certain statutory duties through an application to court.
- In order to succeed with such an application, one would have to identify all the statutory obligations of the government entity and compare that to the reality, i.e. to what extent has it failed to comply with its statutory obligations.
- A court will order a government entity to comply with its statutory obligation but will order it to do within its means. It will be for the government entity to explain its budget and the allocation of its available resources in sufficient detail to convince the court that it does not have the necessary means to comply with such order.
- In order to obtain all the necessary information to investigate a government entity's obligations and its compliance thereof, it is proposed for an application to be submitted in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA) and to request all such documents as may be relevant to such an investigation.
- If the government entity fails to reply to the PAIA request, client can bring an application to court to compel delivery of the documents and information.
- This process is relatively inexpensive and could yield a lot of relevant information to be considered before an application to compel compliance with its obligations is launched.
- It was mentioned that the court will be reluctant to grant a broad order but will rather consider granting a specific order where a specific obligation and a breach of that obligation can be identified. This process can be considered in respect of NERSA and the local municipality and we proposed that a PAIA request be submitted to both.
- It was indicated that both these options are significant undertakings, which will require significant resources (both time and money) to complete.

#### **11 July 2019**

Letter from Mr Pieter Vermaak; La Cotte was sent to the GTM. La Cotte transformer that was moved to Henley, replacing La Cotte with a smaller transformer. Due to this there has been constant power interruptions, which caused a lot of very expensive machinery to brake down.

Mr Vermaak said that if the transformer and electricity issue is not rectified he will deduct the cost of the damages to his equipment from his municipal account.

No response from GTM

#### **14 August 2019**

- Bulk tariff increases letter to GTM to reconsider Bulk Increases as the correct procedures weren't followed. (No response)

#### **30 August 2019**

Letter written to GTM Electrical department re: Letsitele A substation.



## **2 September 2019**

- Bulk tariff increases letter to GTM to reconsider Bulk Increases as the correct procedures weren't followed. (No response)

## **30 August 2019**

Letsitele substation Letter written tot GTM- No response from GTM

## **3 September 2019**

Letsitele sub-station letter written to GTM – No response from GTM

## **11 September 2019**

Bulk tariff increase letter – no response

## **14 November 2019**

Electrical Forum Meeting

Discussion Points:

- Crane Truck – GTM has it's own crane truck
- Call Centre – DBSA will financially assist for a call centre upgrade
- Theft – Security appointed at 2MVA transformers
- Vegetation – Feedback given
- Transformers – Westfalia lines
- Meter readings – 90% of readings done
- Progress on DBSA project – R90 million over a 3 year period
- See minutes of meeting
- Bulk Services Contribution
- Substations – Mr Lelope said that plans were in place to move the 2MVA from Henley to Waterbok and pair it with another 2 MVA from stores, giving Waterbok 4 MVA then the 5 MVA from Waterbok could be moved to Henley.

## **14 December 2019**

Letter from Carel Minnaar.

5 Days without proper power supply. Voltage is too low. On the verge of losing their crop due to the electricity problems.

No feedback and follow up emails sent:

8 January 2020

9 January 2020 – Email from Carel Minnaar reiterating the lack of the quality of power supply from Eiland, La Cotte and Henley.

## **10 February 2020**

Letter sent to Mr Lelope; CC Energy Forum members:

Areas from Politsi, George's Valley and Letsitele that has been off for 3 – 4 days.

No response

## **10 February 2020**

Letter written to GTM Electrical Department requesting urgent Forum meeting.

- Electricity quality supply
- Lack of feedback/correspondence from GTM
- Accountability of Electrical department

No response

## **11 February 2020**

Email to NERSA requesting urgent assistance to establish a meeting with the GTM.

#### **11 February 2020**

Contacted Mrs Desiree vd Walt requesting meeting with herself and Minister of Energy, Agriculture, Water and Sanitation, Treasury and COGTA. Waiting for confirmed date.

#### **12 February 2020**

Resent emails to GTM and NERSA requesting urgent Forum Meeting

#### **12 February 2020**

Sent letter from Mr Bennie Steenkamp from Eiland Spa to Energy Forum members

#### **14 February 2020**

Resent all emails to Mr Lelope and NERSA. **No response**

#### **21 February 2020**

Letter sent from Nouvelle la Cotte; Mr Pieter Vermaak

Area without electricity for 12+ days.

A similar letter was sent from Mr Vermaak on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2019 raising the similar concerns, but 8 months later he hasn't received any feedback from the letter or changes at the substation/transformer of La Cotte.

The letter also included 3x pictures:

- Electrical box that burst into flames. This could have caused a fire on their property and they could have lost everything. This is the seriousness of the matter.
- Poles that have been laying on the ground for months without being replaced or fixed.

#### **25 February 2020**

Meeting with Mrs Desiree vd Walt.

Decision:

- Draw up a petition and send it to all the farmers, their workers, wives and community. **Petition must be investigated by the various relevant ministers and must be discussed at Parliament.**
- **Desiree will try and schedule a meeting with the relevant Ministers that might be able to put pressure on the GTM.**

#### **28 February 2020**

Letter sent to GTM regarding Henley and Eiland Transformers – Proposed Solution.

- Suggestion from the farmers: The farmers will procure/buy a transformer on behalf of the GTM. The equivalent amount of the transformer can be recovered from the accounts of the farmers that participated in the procurement of the transformer.

**This letter proves the desperation of the farmers.**

Request for response on this letter was sent:

2 March 2020

17 March 2020 – Email from NERSA saying no meetings will be held due to Corona. No feedback from the GTM regarding the proposal or the next Forum meeting date.

18 March 2020 – NERSA requesting GTM to respond

19 March 2020 – Response received from Mr Lelope written by Mr Laubscher – See March summary



**February** – various emails and other forms of communication to both NERSA and the GTM were sent without any feedback. Available on request

### **3 March 2020**

Sent petition with summary of events to members.

### **March 2020**

Throughout March various emails have been sent to the GTM and NERSA regarding the electricity situation; especially in the Letsitele area as well as an urgent Energy Forum meeting request. (Henley and Eiland Transformers)

16 March 2020

Email from Nouvelle la Cotte

Reading from Nouvelle la Cotte's generator due to the unstable power supply.

### **13 March 2020**

Letter from Nouvelle la Cotte awaiting feedback on electricity box and poles (letter dated 21 Feb)

Mr Laubscher from the GTM responded that he will speak to his Superintendent.

### **18 March 2020**

NERSA eventually replied to an email stating that there will not be a meeting due to the Corona virus. NERSA however did ask the GTM to reply to our queries.

### **19 March 2020**

Mr Lelope, after a year and 5 months of not receiving any correspondence from him, finally replied to our correspondence; stating the following:

- Failure of transformers was due to shielding wire that broke and shorted out on the 33kv line and not due to overload.
- Only one 5MVA transformer could be sourced and was placed at Henley substation.
- Some load from Henley substation to La-Cotte to free up some capacity to feed the Constantia and Eiland area
- The GTM have moved one of the 15MVA 66/11 kv transformers from the Tzaneen Main Substation to Letsitele Main substation.
- A new 11 kv bus-bar was built together with a new 11 kv line towards to Plains.
- We will be connecting the load from the plains and Letsitele town substations to the 15 MVA.
- By doing this the GTM will free up 4 x 2 MVA's which will be utilised at La Cotte and Eiland.

### **21 April 2020**

Energy Forum meeting held via Microsoft Teams during Covid-19 requested by MM; Mr Matlala.

Issues raised:

- Vehicles – 3x electricians still without vehicles
- Due to budget constraints, only necessary equipment could be procured
- DBSA loan to improve the Infrastructure of the Electrical System. The projects were running smoothly, lines rebuilt and sub-stations upgraded. Transformers installed at Tzaneen main.
- Letsitele – Transformer at Henley failed and no transformers available. Network configuration to supply power, but there is a voltage problem at the end of the line.

- Outstanding payments of R180 million on accounts from farmers were mentioned. (The minutes refer to the outlying areas, but in the meeting farmers were mentioned)
- Agri Letaba reiterated their assistance where needed
- Agri Letaba requested a list of farmers that is outstanding on their accounts as it is hard to believe that farmers are outstanding as outstanding accounts get notices and then the supply is switched off.
- A plan specifically for the Letsitele area will be drawn up and discussed with the forum.

#### **6 May 2020**

Response to minutes of Energy Meeting held on 21 April 2020

No plan has been received regarding Letsitele

Daily interruptions

Eiland sub still running on half a capacity since December 2018

Transformers

Outstanding payment list of farmers

Communication between GTM and Energy Forum

Basic charge from GTM, but area without electricity from 11 – 15 days

#### **28 May 2020**

Energy Forum meeting

Meeting was to discuss the Letsitele plan