



Northern Cape  
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## Portfolio Committee on Finance, Economic Development & Tourism

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### NEGOTIATING MANDATE

Name of the Bill: **Electricity Regulation Amendment Bill**

Number of the Bill: **B23B – 2023**

Date of deliberation: **Tuesday, 30 April 2024**

Vote of the Legislature: **The Committee votes in favour**

**(Subject to consideration of the proposed amendments)**

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**Hon N Maneng**  
**Chairperson: PC on Finance, Economic Development & Tourism**

**Date: 30 April 2024**



**PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**  
**NEGOTIATING MANDATE ON THE ELECTRICITY REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL**  
**[B23B – 2023]**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Finance, Economic Development & Tourism, Hon N Maneng, tables the Committee's Report on the ***Electricity Regulation Amendment Bill [B23B – 2023]***, as adopted by the Portfolio Committee on Tuesday, 30 April 2024.

**2. PROCESS FOLLOWED**

2.1 The Speaker of the Northern Cape Provincial Legislature has on receipt of the Bill referred the ***Electricity Regulation Amendment Bill [B23B – 2023]*** to the Portfolio Committee on Finance, Economic Development & Tourism.

2.2 On Wednesday, 17 April 2024, the Portfolio Committee received a briefing on the Bill from Hon M Mokaase, NCOP Permanent Delegate, and Mr G Nhlapo from the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy.

2.3 Public Participation processes that were facilitated:

2.3.1 Hybrid public hearings have been scheduled with stakeholders from all five (5) regions of the Province namely, Frances Baard District (Ruth First Auditorium, Kimberley); Namakwa District (Springbok); ZF Mgcawu District (Postmasburg); Pixley Ka Seme District (Colesburg); and John Taolo Gaetsewe District (Kuruman), on Wednesday, 24 April 2024. Written submissions were also requested from stakeholders.

2.3.2 Posters on official social media pages of the Legislature.

**3. WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ON THE BILL**

No written submissions were received on the bill.

**4. STAKEHOLDER RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE BILL**

The following recommendations were made:

- 4.1 The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy must regulate and monitor licensees in local communities, in the event where foreign nationals' surcharges for electricity sales for example.
- 4.2 Licences must be regulated to ensure that international companies do not partner with local applicants to prevent monopoly in areas.
- 4.3 The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy must furthermore provide outreach programmes in respect of the awarding of the licenses.

## 5. STAKEHOLDER POSITION ON THE BILL

The stakeholders voted in support of the Bill.

## 6. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE BILL

The Committee recommends the following:

- 6.1 The Bill must not negatively disadvantage municipalities in providing electricity as their constitutional mandate.
- 6.2 The Bill must be clear on the institution that will deal with the licensing processes.
- 6.3 The Bill does not provide for private grid development which can also add electricity to the grid, and it is thus recommended that the Bill should address private grid development as well.

## 7. COMMITTEE ADOPTION ON THE BILL

After due deliberation, the Portfolio Committee on Finance, Economic Development & Tourism **supports** the bill.

The Committee adopted this negotiating mandate duly signed by the Chairperson of the Committee, Hon N Maneng.

The Committee recommends to the House to mandate the Permanent Delegates to participate in deliberations at the negotiating stage and to **support** the Bill.



HON N MANENG  
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Date: 30 April 2024