

**Circular 131-2021**

**10 June 2021**

Dear Residents

Eskom increased their tariffs by 15.06% effective 1/04/2021. In order to try and get our increases aligned with this we have increased the Meterman tariffs effective 1 June 2021 and not 1 July 2021 as previously indicated. Next year we will try and increase it as Eskom increases their rates on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2021. This will make it easier for us to align increases so that we don't have to estimate the increase of electricity for 4 months when increasing the charges.

**Current 2020 rates till 31 May 2021**

**New 2021 rates effective 1 June 2021**

	Energy charge (c/kWh)				Network capacity charge (R/POD/day)	
	Block 1 (>0-600kWh)		Block 2 (>600kWh)		VAT incl	
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Homepower 1	136.04	156.45	214.81	247.03	5.82	6.69
Homepower 2	136.04	156.45	209.42	240.83	10.92	12.56
Homepower 3	136.04	156.45	209.42	240.83	22.55	25.93
Homepower 4	136.04	156.45	218.76	251.57	3.56	4.09

Homelight 60A	Energy charge [c/kWh]	
	VAT incl	
Block 1 [> 0 - 600 kWh]	158.44	182.21
Block 2 [>600 kWh]	269.31	309.71

Homelight 20A	Energy charge [c/kWh]	
	VAT incl	
Block 1 [> 0 - 350 kWh]	139.99	160.99
Block 2 [>350 kWh]	158.62	182.41

**Block charges**

It is important to note that when purchasing electricity in any particular calendar month the first 600 kWh units will cost R1.8221 and any additional units purchased in the same month will move into the next block charge and cost R3.0971 Your meter will reset once a month at 12pm on the last day of each month. Therefore, it would not be advisable to bulk purchase large quantities of electricity upfront for the months ahead as all units over 600 will be at the higher block 2 tariff.

**Network Capacity Charge**

The daily R4.74 network capacity charge will accrue daily to your prepaid meter and will be deducted from your electricity purchases. Meaning that the daily accumulated network capacity charge billed against your meter will first be deducted from your electricity purchase with the remainder of the cash then being converted into kwh units. This will only be done when you purchase, which means if you have enough electricity to last you 3 months and you only go and buy again in the 4<sup>th</sup> month, this will only be charged at the time of purchase. Thus, if you were to go on a 3-month holiday and don't reload the meter for 3 months, this charge will only be charged when you load your account again. Our agreement with Meterman is that they cannot cut your electricity because you are not reloading monthly.

This can be quite confusing, so should you like more clarity on how this works, or you want to understand the impact of this, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will gladly try and explain or clarify confusion.

Warm Regards



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Village Manager