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PUBLIC NOTICE AND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

BPC'S PROPOSED ELECTRICITY TARIFF INCREASE FOR THE 2027/2028 FINANCIAL YEAR

1. Background

The Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) wishes to inform members of the public that the Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) has submitted an application requesting an adjustment of electricity tariffs for the 2027/2028 financial year, commencing 1 April 2027.

BPC is proposing an average electricity tariff increase of 33% across its customer categories.

The application has been submitted in accordance with Section 57(1)(c) of the BERA Act and takes into consideration BPC's obligation under Section 17(1) of the BPC Act [CAP 74:01] to operate on sound commercial principles.

Important: **The proposed 33% increase has not been approved. BERA will review the application, consider public submissions and assess the justification for the proposed adjustment before making a final determination.**

2. BPC Proposed Tariff Adjustment

BPC is proposing a weighted average electricity tariff increase of 33%, effective 1 April 2027. In its application, BPC indicates that it requires approximately P10.774 billion to meet its projected revenue requirements for the 2027/2028 financial year. BPC further reports that its current average cost of supplying electricity is approximately P2.41 per kilowatt-hour (kWh), which is higher than the tariffs currently charged to several customer categories.

The application does not make provision for a government subsidy to cushion consumers against the proposed increase.

3. Current Tariffs and Proposed Tariffs in Monetary Terms



The table below shows the current average electricity tariffs for the 2026/2027 financial year compared to the average tariffs proposed by BPC for 2027/2028.

Customer Category	Average Tariff 2026/2027 (Pula/kWh)	Proposed Average Tariff 2027/2028 (Pula/kWh)
Domestic	1.00	1.41
Government	3.20	4.32
Commercial	2.11	2.76
Mining	1.75	2.36
Weighted Average	1.70	2.25

4. Reasons for the Proposed Tariff Adjustment

BPC has provided the following reasons and considerations in support of its proposed tariff adjustments:

- High cost of electricity supply: Current tariffs do not fully cover the cost of generating, purchasing and supplying electricity.
- Expensive electricity imports: The cost of purchasing electricity from external suppliers continues to place financial pressure on BPC.
- Rising operational costs: Increasing costs of operations and other essential inputs have affected BPC's financial position.
- Financial sustainability: Previous tariff under-recoveries have reduced BPC's financial reserves, while its current revenue is insufficient to adequately meet operational and debt repayment obligations.

5. Measures undertaken by BPC to improve Electricity Supply

The proposed tariff adjustment covers electricity services across BPC's operations which include generation, transmission, distribution, and supply of electricity to end-users. BPC has also outlined measures to stabilise local generation and improve operational sustainability. Generation measures include the ongoing remediation of Morupule B units and diversification of the generation mix through Independent Power Producers (IPP) projects. Operational efficiency initiatives include migration to prepaid metering, revenue protection, zero-based and activity-based budgeting, organisational



realignment, and optimisation of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and Geographic Information System (GIS).

6. **BERA invites the Public to submit comments**

Stakeholders interested parties and members of the public are invited to review BPC's 2027/2028 electricity tariff application and submit written comments to the Authority by 11th December 2026. Written comments are to be submitted to towelani.nkhwa@bera.co.bw and obakeng.moipolai@bera.co.bw

The Public Consultation Paper is available on BERA's website at www.bera.co.bw/economicregulation/downloads

7. Public Hearing

BERA will announce the date, venue and arrangements for the public hearing in due course. Members of the public and interested stakeholders will be given an opportunity to participate in the consultation process.

8. For further information, please contact BERA on +267 316 1064

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