

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

(Incorporating Fish Hoek, Clovelly and Sun Valley)

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON SHARED NETWORK CHARGE POLICY

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What should the City's Electricity Department charge:

- generators of electricity; and
- new consumers (where this requires upgrading the network / grid)?

Eskom's view is for us to lower our demand to meet their supply. Imagine a business that is trying to stay in business telling you to not buy from them as they don't have enough for their existing customers.

Generators of Electricity

We don't think business and residential electricity generators should be charged shared network charges and connection fees for selling their excess power to the City from their Small Scale Embedded Generation (SSEGs) and their bi-directional meters should be installed free. To achieve the City's stated goal of four levels of load shedding sparing, it will need sources of electricity. By allowing the generators onto the City's grid, the City would then have more electricity to sell as the offset (difference paid to SSEGs vs buying from Eskom and non-availability from Eskom during load shedding). We understand that generators receive cash for selling their excess electricity to the City.

Once load shedding is no longer a threat, generators sharing the cost of new infrastructure can be reconsidered.

New Consumers

We agree with the policy that formalises the practice that the customer who benefits because of this increase in electricity capacity pays for the costs associated with it. It wouldn't be fair for general customers who aren't directly benefiting from the expansion or upgrade, to pay for this.

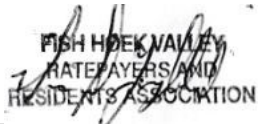
If new electricity consumers in Cape Town found it too expensive, they might not bother coming here. Note that high rates may slow first world developments, but not third world. We will be guided by the City to find this balance and payment for the provision of shared network and connections. However, we prefer the deep charge model. We do **NOT** think that new or upgraded developments should be encouraged, if they do not directly contribute to our local economy (businesses vs residents).

SUMMARY

We don't think electricity generators should be charged for selling their excess power to the City and their bi-directional meters should be installed free.

We rely upon the City to find the balance between promoting business developments while still covering its costs. However, we prefer the deep charge model.

We prefer the encouragement of business rather than residential developments.

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