

Windhoek electricity market trends

o The Electricity Import Index recorded a decline of 17.1 percent in December 2022, a deterioration when compared to a decline of 6.3 per-cent that was recorded in November 2022. Additionally, on an annual basis the index declined by 18.1 percent. o A total of 216 217 MWh of electricity was imported during December 2022.

o Electricity was mainly sold to Redistributors - LPU (70.0%) and Mining (23.0%) on the domestic market, while Eskom Orange River scooped a share of 3.6 percent. o The total amount of electricity sold locally increased from 288 780 MWh recorded during May 2022 to 297 285 MWh registered during the period under review.

The Electricity Control Board (ECB) has conditionally granted the City of Windhoek a 7.9% tariff hike as opposed to the 10% increase proposed by the municipality. To finalize approval, the ECB has requested the City of Windhoek to submit an updated progress report on the ring-fencing of its Electricity Department.

This comes as ECB's Executive for Technical Regulation, Petrus Johannes, also revealed on Thursday that NORED's approved 6.6% increase is also on hold until it complies with the board's conditions.

"The tariffs requested by licensees differ due to different cost structures per licensee," Johannes said. "I wish to take this opportunity to assure end-consumers who participated in the public consultations that their inputs were considered in the distribution tariffs that I announced a moment ago. The key concerns that emanated from the public consultations are: electricity access, affordability, and service delivery by the licensees."

"As we cautioned during the last tariff review period, all distribution utilities ought to apply for their annual tariff reviews immediately after the announcement of the NamPower bulk electricity tariff. This is so because utilities that do not apply for tariff adjustments in time to coincide with the implementation of the bulk tariffs, which is effective 01 July 2024, stand to lose revenue because they will be selling electricity based on outdated tariffs while purchasing on new tariffs, especially pre-paid revenue that is collected through pre-paid sales," he said.

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