

My presentation to Nersa and Eskom at the Public Participation Hearing at the Southern Sun Hotel in Cape Town, Monday 03rd Feb 2020.

Good day, Honourable Chairperson and all Protocol observed.

I'm Soraya Salie, Founder Member of Bonteheuwel Walking Ladies and a member of SAFCEI as a Faith Leader.

I represent Bonteheuwel and the broader communities of the Cape Flats.

Today I'm not representing anything via PowerPoint, rather prefer speaking from the heart, and a few notes that I made as mandated by my community.

Eskom is killing our people with the continuous price hikes and draining us financially, Robbing us of our dignity and right to affordable clean energy..

The inconsistency of high and low consumption rates, the various prices per unit "free units" as well as the injustice and energy apartheid practiced by Eskom, are contributing factors of division among our people who are already systematically divided.

Eskom has no empathy for the poor, as they are enriching themselves at the expense of the poor. Eskom is overpowered by greed.

The poor cannot pay for the corruption of Trillions of Rands committed by a handful of Political Elites.

Why can't the exorbitant salaries and bonuses be cut if the company is in soo much dire states?

Who will pay for Consumer's damaged appliances caused by load shedding, let alone food that must be discarded, and the serious issues of very I'll people on a nebulizer for oxygen or life support.

Going back to candles, causing shack and home fires. Again the poor and underprivileged suffer! The rich get richer and the poor get poorer! Suffering in this land!

Our people must spend more money to buy other devices to ensure they have a source of energy.

With all respect to Nersa, we need a strong body to represent the people, to ensure that Energy Justice is applied.

I have one final message to Eskom and a statement MANDATED to me by another Faith Leader.

Eskom must become GOD CONSCIOUS!!!

The Holy Scriptures teaches us, that in the Beginning of Creation, GOD said : "Let there be light, and there was light!"

We are Believers and believe in The ONE and Only GOD ALMIGHTY, THE CREATOR OF LIGHT.

GOD IS THE CREATOR OF LIGHT.

HE IS LIGHT UPON LIGHT.

SO WHO GIVES ESKOM THE RIGHT TO DEPRIVE OUR PEOPLE OF LIGHT??

Rather surrender to God, for GOD IS MOST FORGIVING, MOST MERCIFUL, MOST COMPASSIONATE, LIGHT UPON LIGHT!!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH, WITH HUMBLE GRATITUDE FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY..