

MAP Motion

Summary

Executive Mayor, Gilbert Mokotso, must engage with Eskom on managing loadshedding at the following Water Treatment Plants, namely Sterkfontein, Fika Patso, Wilge and Metsi Matso.

Legal Requirements

Constitution, Water Services Act No 108, 1997
Standard Rules and Orders
Municipal Systems Act. No 32 of 2000 2 (d) (f) (i)
Municipal Systems Act. No 32 of 2000 1 (g)

Background

Large parts of Maluti-a-Phofung are being severely impacted by loadshedding which is having a devastating impact on the 4 major Water Treatment Plants, thus denying people there right to water. Eskom have indicated that a municipality can negotiate load curtailment schedules with them, to enable Water Treatment Plants to fill reservoirs by pumping for a continuous period. The severe loadshedding schedules are only allowing Water Treatment Plants to pump water for short periods of time. The reservoir can only fill for a short period, before a loadshed is implemented again. At the time that power is restored, the machinery first needs to start up before they may pump again. Thereby only allowing a few hours (in severe cases 2 hours) for the pumping of water. The reservoirs are simply not filling up. This arrangement will not impact the total number of hours that the Water Treatment Plant is loadshed. It is simply a way to manage the scheduling to allow sufficient time to pump. Other municipalities in the Free State have successfully negotiated this.

Motion

That Council instruct the Executive Mayor to enter into such negotiations with Eskom to minimise the impact of loadshedding on water supply in Maluti-a-Phofung through the implementation of load curtailment and or lower loadshedding schedules at Sterkfontein, Fika Patso, Metsi Matso and Wilge Treatment Plants. I so move.

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