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Dear Adv. Sithole

**Re: NERSA PUBLIC HEARINGS
KARPOWERSHIP (PTY) LTD GAS LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

We refer to the above matter, in respect of which we received a response to our 15 March 2022 letter advising that our correspondence had been forwarded to the Piped-Gas Regulation team to engage and elaborate on it. We have had no response from the Piped-Gas Regulation Team.

However, our client (the Green Connection) has via social media received a copy of a NERSA ‘*Erratum*’ notice advising that the date of the public hearing to consider the Karpowership gas licence applications has been moved to 25 March 2022. The Notice also indicates that the public hearings were advertised in various media on 15 March 2022.

Given that these newspaper advertisements are notifications of the public hearings, the Green Connection is of the view that NERSA is required in terms of Rule 16(2) of the Gas Rules to give “at least” 14 days notice from the date of publication of these advertisements.

Notwithstanding the above, the Green Connection is furthermore of the view that the newspaper advertisements need to be republished with the correct date for the hearings, which date should not be less than 14 days from the last date of publication of these republished newspaper adverts.

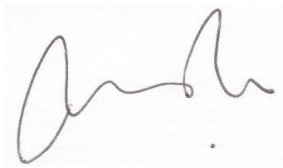
In the circumstances, our client remains of the view that the notice given to date, including the ‘*Erratum*’ notice, is wholly inadequate, and violates our client’s (and the public’s) right to procedurally fair administrative action.

In light of the above, the Green Connection calls upon NERSA to reschedule and re-advertise the public hearings to ensure that lawful and adequate notice is provided to the Green Connection and members of the public.

The Green Connection also reiterates its call upon NERSA to ensure that local communities (and in particular vulnerable and historically disadvantaged communities) that may be directly impacted by the gas licensing decisions are given adequate opportunity to participate in the public hearings.

The Green Connection reserves its rights to seek appropriate relief.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Pole', with a small dot below the signature.

Adrian Leonard Pole