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Abolish Nersa

“The tactics of two steps forward and one step back was graphically illustrated by Eskom's tariff increase strategy. By asking for an increase in the electricity rate of 50% and going down to above 30% and finally settling for NERSA'S 24.8 % rising over the next two years to 25.9%, they are trying to create the impression of doing consumers a favour. Well there have been no favours done.”

The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) calls on government to abolish Nersa.

“It is quite clear that Nersa has failed the public, and that Eskom's bad management has been rewarded,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the CDP and acting chair of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA).

“Hearings were held at high cost but served only as window dressing. Nersa's assurances that this is not the case is contradicted by the fact that only Eskom's submissions had any impact, and that, well thought through alternative models presented, were ignored. In the end the poor, the middle class and the agricultural sector were the major losers, while the Eskom fat cats are grinning broadly.”

Ontbind Nersa

Die taktiek van twee treë voorwaarts en een stap agteruit is duidelik aan die kaak gestel deur Eskom se tariefverhogingstrategie. Deur vir 'n verhoging van 50% te vra en dit dan afwaarts na 30 % aan te pas en uiteindelik te skik vir Nersa se 24,8 % wat oor die volgende twee jaar tot 25,9 % toeneem, probeer hulle die indruk skep dat hulle die verbruikers 'n guns bewys. In die praktyk is die publiek geen guns bewys nie.

Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) het 'n beroep op die regering gedoen om Nersa te ontbind.

“Dit is duidelik dat Nersa die publiek gefaal het, en Eskom se swak bestuur beloon het,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).”

“Nou is nog teen hoë kostes verhoor vir die skyn gehou. Nersa se versekerings dat die verhoor nie skyn was nie, oortuig niks teen die agtergrond dat net Eskom se argumente uiteindelik in die praktyk gerealiseer het nie. Daar is geen aanduiding dat deeglik beredeneerde voorleggings oor alternatiewe finansieringsmodelle hoegenaamd verreken is nie. Uiteindelik is die armes, die middelklas en die landbou die groot verloorders en Eskom se soustreinryers glimlag van oor tot oor.”