

Mr. Paul Scherzer
ACER Environmental Consultants
12/6/2014

Dear Paul,

PROPOSED ESKOM SUBSTATION: HAYFIELDS PIETERMARITZBURG: EIA
14/12/16/3/3/2/745

1. Notices were recently received regarding public meetings and the availability of a Draft Basic Assessment Document at the Pietermaritzburg Msunduzi Municipal Offices regarding a proposed ESKOM substation east of Hayfields, Pietermaritzburg.
2. Unfortunately, for whatever reason, difficulty was experienced in locating a hard copy of the Draft Document. The Municipality appeared to have spent considerable time attempting to locate copies of the document.
3. It is important that these public documents be sent to the correct department within large organisations.
4. It is suggested that when documents are delivered to organisations for public review that ACER confirm with the responsible organisation that the documents have been received and that they can be viewed at the advertised office.
5. In the case of mislaid documents, it may be prudent to extend the period for which comments can be submitted. This may avoid unnecessary delays that arise if the public has not had access to public documents.
6. Although electronic copies of documents are available, it may still be necessary to access a hard copy. This can occur when referring to plans, drawings or routes. These are probably clearer in a hard copy.
7. I am forwarding to you under separate cover a list of Msunduzi Municipality Departments with contact details. Included are the contact details of the Municipality's Environmental Management Department that handles and considers Environmental Impact Assessments, Basic Assessment Reports etc. The names and contact details of the people in the environmental management department were previously submitted to ACER on 20/5/2015.
8. To date a copy of the minutes of the public meetings held at Ashburton Library on 3/1/2014 and at Van's Hotel on 12/5/2015 have not been received. It would be appreciated if copies of these minutes would please be forwarded to me.

I trust that you will find these comments helpful.

Kind regards
Brian Millard
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