

Anti-Privatisation Forum (APF)

- We are a social movement
- We represent around thirty communities in Gauteng
- We are against any form of privatisation, more especially when it affects the poor communities
- We struggle for accessible, affordable and efficient service delivery, such as water, housing, electricity etc
- We fight for a decent living for all poor people

Problems with the department processes

- The process of the hearing is flawed.
- This is predominately because poor communities are being left out and the process is too long and complicated for poor people.
- The places where the hearings are being conducted are far from people who are being affected by the issues of electricity generation and distribution.
- The time given to us to respond was inadequate
- The publicity (education) for the communities to understand and be able to engage in the process was not done
- This has made it extremely difficult for poor people to be able to participate in these hearings

Problems with electricity in South Africa

- Around 30% of poor communities in South Africa don't have electricity in their homes
- Most of these use candles and paraffin which continues to kill people
- The ongoing electricity price increases impact negatively on poor people as they cannot afford to pay for the electricity they need
- The current production method of generating electricity has negative health impacts on poor people
- This is because the previous apartheid and present governments housed - and continue to house - people in places near to the plants
- The resulting pollution has created a poisoned environment for the poor
- People are not given free electricity as promised
- Disconnections of electricity for the poor continue unabated

Solutions to this problems

- Coal electricity production must be phased out and eventually stopped
- The APF believes that renewable energy is the solution to our country's problems with electricity generation
- Renewable energy production has no negative impact on people's lives or on the climate
- It will create meaningful and sustainable jobs for the poor
- As many forms of this generation can be adopted, more poor people homes can be electrified
- The more Eskom and government opt for the renewables, the less it will cost in the long run to produce and distribute electricity