

**2845. Mr G Mackay (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

Is her department considering wheeling electricity through the grid allowing independent power producers to build power stations in one part of the country and, at a fix cost, to wheel energy through the grid, so that it can be consumed by a company elsewhere; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of this process?

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**Reply**

The Electricity Regulation Act of 2005 provides for non-discriminatory access to the electricity network. In terms of the Act, any person may wheel power over the network at a charge that must be agreed between the generator and the network owner (in this instance Eskom or a municipality). The energy regulator has developed rules pertaining to third party access in accordance with the Act.