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JULY 2025 – ESKOM AND NERSA SETTLE ON R54 BILLION CLAWBACK – HOW WILL THIS IMPACT FUTURE TARIFF HIKES?

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South African businesses face further changes to the electricity pricing landscape. Following a settlement with the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), Eskom will be allowed to recover R54 billion in revenue shortfalls by implementing steeper electricity hikes starting in the 2026/2027 financial year. This translates to an 18% tariff increase, in addition to already scheduled adjustments.

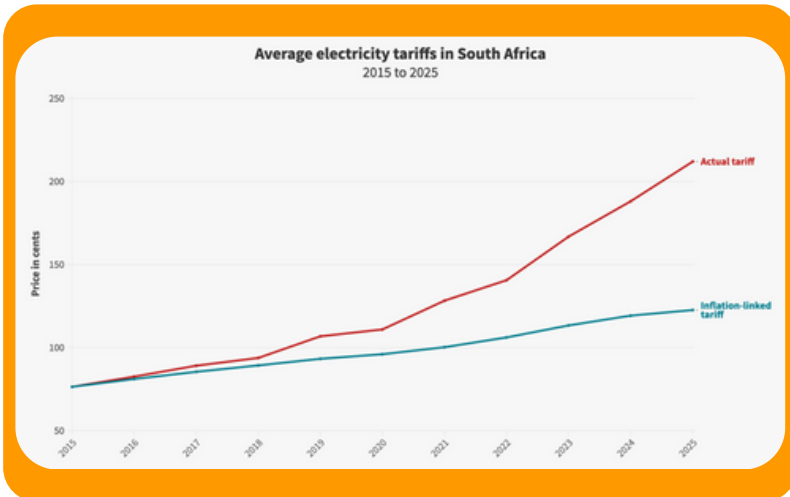




The implication for business is clear: energy costs will continue to rise, profit margins will come under further pressure, and planning for the future will only get harder. With Eskom's monopoly status eliminating incentives to control costs, relying solely on grid supply is no longer a sustainable option.

This is why more organizations are strategically investing in solar and battery solutions. By locking in your own predictable energy costs and reliable supply, you safeguard your business against volatility. A tailored solar and storage system delivers long-term financial efficiency, improves operational resilience, and enhances your sustainability profile – all while reducing dependence on an increasingly unstable grid.

For many companies, this decision will feel like déjà vu. Over the past decade, escalating operational expenses have translated into steadily higher tariffs for electricity customers. The result? Since 2007, electricity prices have surged by over 900%, far outpacing inflation. If prices had simply followed inflation, today's tariffs would be 42% lower than they are.



At SunRanch Solar, we partner with agricultural, commercial, and industrial clients to design, install, and maintain turnkey solutions that protect profitability and provide certainty in an uncertain energy landscape. Eskom's trajectory is set, but your business does not need to follow it. By acting now, you can secure your energy future.

