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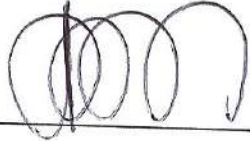
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IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRICITY SMART METERS IN WALTER SISULU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (WSLM)

1. As previously notified, WSLM has been admitted into the municipal debt relief programme, in terms of which the municipality's debt to Eskom as at March 2023, will be written off over a period of three (3) years, subject to the municipality fulfilling all the set conditions.
2. Among the conditions to be fulfilled, the WSLM has to progressively implement electricity smart meters.
3. An electricity smart meter is an electronic measurement device that collects energy data and sends it to the service or data center. It is a system composed of monitoring equipment capable of communication with a central data center, receiving orders and taking action based on certain parameters.
4. Benefits of electricity smart meters:-
 - (a) Eliminate customer interface
 - (b) Enhance bi-directional communication
 - (c) Enhance accurate billing
 - (d) Give effect to automated billing
 - (e) Do away with meter readings by municipal staff
 - (f) Give access to electricity tariffs
 - (g) Make it easy to implement new pricing and load management
5. WSLM has finalized the process of appointing a service provider for the implementation of the electricity smart meters. Once the project implementation plan has been presented, discussed and approved, it will be publicized so that

ratepayers and residents can have an anticipation of visits by the municipality and service provider.

6. Thank you



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