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To whom it may concern	Date	17 July 2026
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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Enquiry Number	E3024DXKZNOU
Description / Project Title	An Enabling Agreement with a Panel of Twelve (12) Service Providers for the Inspection and Treatment of wooden poles on an “as and when” required basis in the Central East Cluster (Kwa-Zulu Natal and Free State Operating Units) for a period of three years.
Tender Questions Closing Date	04 August 2026

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1.	We respectfully wish to place on record our objection to the extension of the closing date for the above-mentioned wood pole inspection and treatment tender. The scope of this tender is straightforward and consistent with similar wood pole tenders that Eskom has previously issued. As such, we do not believe that an extension should be warranted, as prospective bidders should already possess the required experience, resources, and mandatory compliance documentation necessary to participate.	The request for an extension of the tender closing date was duly considered and supported by the Cross-Functional Team. Following the appropriate review process, the extension was approved by the Tender Office. All applicable processes were followed upon receipt of the request. The extension was granted to uphold the principles of fairness, transparency, equal treatment, and competitive bidding, and to ensure that all prospective	17 July 2026

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	We are concerned that granting an extension may provide an opportunity for certain bidders to obtain the required certifications after the tender has been advertised, despite their employees not having received the appropriate training or possessing the necessary competency at the time of the tender invitation. This has the potential to undermine the integrity of the procurement process and may create an unfair competitive advantage. Furthermore, extending the closing date may prejudice compliant and experienced tenderers who have invested time and resources to ensure that all mandatory requirements were in place before the tender was issued. Such circumstances may give rise to perceptions of an uneven procurement process and could diminish confidence in the fairness and transparency of the tender evaluation. We therefore respectfully request that Eskom reconsider the decision to extend the tender closing date and ensure that the procurement process remains fair, transparent, and in accordance with the principles of equal treatment and competitive bidding. We trust that our concerns will receive your due consideration.	tenderers are afforded a reasonable opportunity to participate in the procurement process.	

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