



WEBINAR – DAYLIGHT ROBBERY: THE HIDDEN COST OF GOING SOLAR

You are invited to a webinar on 9 June from 12:00–13:00 where we will address the following:

Eskom's newly approved tariffs mean solar generation customers can now be charged new fixed fees even when they use very little electricity from the grid.

In other words, many people who **installed solar** to save money are now being hit with **extra Eskom charges**. These charges apply regardless of actual electricity usage, which can reduce the savings you expected from going solar.

A recent legal opinion shows that **these charges are open to a legal challenge**, including:

- Solar users may be charged for capacity they don't actually use.
- Historic Eskom costs may be shifted onto customers who now rely largely on solar.
- Some charges may be based on assumed (not measured) demand.
- The consultation process may have been procedurally unfair.

An additional concern is that if this issue is not addressed, Eskom and NERSA may continue to increase these tariffs significantly in the coming years, further reducing the financial benefit of investing in solar.

If you've installed solar and are seeing unexpected increases, **it may be worth understanding your position and exploring your options**.

About the speakers

Jaco Hamman (Partner: Hahn & Hahn)

Jaco Hamman is a skilled legal practitioner specializing in electricity law and dispute resolution in South Africa. With extensive experience in advising commercial entities, landlords, tenants, and electricity resellers, Jaco has built a strong reputation for resolving complex disputes involving electricity supply, billing, and regulatory compliance. His practice focuses on assisting clients with electricity law, ensuring that municipalities and Eskom comply with required legal procedures. He frequently acts in urgent matters to secure the reconnection of electricity and to pursue damages arising from unlawful disconnections.



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Merilynn is a legal practitioner and senior associate to Jaco specializing in electricity law and dispute resolution in South Africa. With experience in advising commercial entities, landlords, tenants and electricity resellers, Merilynn has built a strong reputation for resolving complex disputes invoicing electricity supply, billing and regulatory compliance. She assists Jaco in his practice by assisting clients with electricity law, ensuring that municipalities and Eskom comply with regards to legal procedures. Merilynn frequently acts in urgent matters to secure the reconnection of electricity and to pursue damages arising from unlawful disconnections. Merilynn also has significant expertise in addressing incorrect electricity billing and account disputes, guiding clients through issues such as faulty or malfunctioning meters, inaccurate tariff applications, estimated readings, and billing reconciliations. She supports clients by analyzing electricity usage and ensuring charges align with municipal bylaws and approved tariff structures.



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