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Table A – Selected key figures regarding electricity generated and available for distribution

Actual estimates	June 2012 1/	% change between June 2011 and June 2012	% change between April to June 2011 and April to June 2012	% change between January to June 2011 and January to June 2012
Electricity available for distribution (Gigawatt-hours)	20 269	-3,1	-4,5	-2,7
Index of the physical volume of electricity production (2005=100)	108,3	-2,3	-4,5	-2,7

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Seasonally adjusted estimates	June 2012	% change between May and June 2012	% change between January to March 2012 and April to June 2012
Electricity available for distribution (Gigawatt-hours)	19 482	1,2	-2,5
Index of the physical volume of electricity production (2005=100)	104,7	1,5	-2,4

Consumption of electricity

Seasonally adjusted electricity consumption decreased by 2,5% for the second quarter of 2012 compared with the previous quarter. A month-on-month increase of 1,2% was recorded for June 2012, following a month-on-month increase of 0,2% in May 2012.

A year-on-year decrease of 3,1% in the actual volume of electricity consumption was recorded for June 2012.

Production of electricity

Seasonally adjusted electricity production decreased by 2,4% for the second quarter of 2012 compared with the previous quarter. A month-on-month increase of 1,5% was recorded for June 2012, following a month-on-month increase of 0,5% in May 2012.

The actual estimated electricity production recorded a year-on-year decrease of 2,3% for June 2012.

Electricity delivered by Eskom to the provinces

The total volume of electricity delivered by Eskom to the provinces decreased by 2,8% in June 2012 compared with June 2011. Decreases were reported in eight of the nine provinces, with the largest volume decrease recorded for KwaZulu-Natal (-212 Gigawatt-hours), followed by Gauteng (-161 Gigawatt-hours) and Mpumalanga (-129 Gigawatt-hours).

Table B – Comparison of the seasonally adjusted volume of electricity generated and available for distribution between the second quarter of 2012 and the previous quarter

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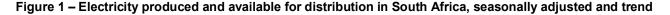
Gigawatt-hours	Seasonally adjusted quantity January to March 2012	Seasonally adjusted quantity April to June 2012	% change between January to March 2012 and April to June 2012	Quantity difference between January to March 2012 and April to June 2012
Electricity produced	64 926	63 401	-2,4	-1 525
Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	59 431	57 965	-2,5	-1 466

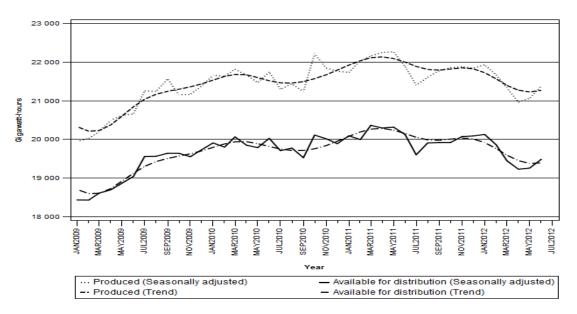
Table C – Comparison of actual estimates between the second quarter of 2012 and the second quarter of 2011

Gigawatt-hours	Actual volume April to June 2011	Actual volume April to June 2012	% change between April to June 2011 and April to June 2012	Quantity difference between April to June 2011 and April to June 2012
Electricity produced	66 921	63 903	-4,5	-3 018
Purchased outside South Africa (import) 1/	2 828	3 178	12,4	350
Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	4 754	4 645	-2,3	-109
Sold outside South Africa (export) 2/	3 605	3 831	6,3	226
Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	61 391	58 604	-4,5	-2 787

1/ Physical energy flowing into South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.

2/ Physical energy flowing out of South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.





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Tables

Table 1 – Total volume of electricity available for distribution in South Africa: 2007–2012

Month		Gigawatt-hours							
WOITIN	2007	2008	2010	2011	2012				
January	19 561	19 256	17 919	19 396	19 616	19 676			
February	18 301	18 668	16 757	18 181	18 455	18 783			
March	20 160	19 603	18 694	20 186	20 518	19 623			
April	18 982	19 127	17 934	19 102	19 539	18 466			
Мау	20 901	20 365	19 548	20 435	20 938	19 869			
June	21 020	20 515	19 819	20 800	20 914	1/ 20 269			
July	21 780	21 610	21 151	21 307	21 162				
August	21 353	20 736	20 398	20 540	20 617				
September	19 732	19 725	19 382	19 256	19 619				
October	20 435	20 138	19 899	20 371	20 198				
November	19 785	18 640	19 248	19 702	19 763				
December	19 160	17 541	18 850	18 996	19 189				
Year	241 170	235 924	229 599	238 272	240 528				

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Table 2 – Annual percentage change in electricity available for distribution in South Africa: 2007–2012

Marada	Percentage change 2/									
Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012				
January	5,1	-1,6	-6,9	8,2	1,1	0,3				
February	5,2	2,0	-10,2	8,5	1,5	1,8				
March	6,2	-2,8	-4,6	8,0	1,6	-4,4				
April	4,7	0,8	-6,2	6,5	2,3	-5,5				
May	2,9	-2,6	-4,0	4,5	2,5	-5,1				
June	4,2	-2,4	-3,4	4,9	0,5	-3,1				
July	5,6	-0,8	-2,1	0,7	-0,7					
August	5,2	-2,9	-1,6	0,7	0,4					
September	3,9	-0,0	-1,7	-0,7	1,9					
October	3,9	-1,5	-1,2	2,4	-0,8					
November	2,8	-5,8	3,3	2,4	0,3					
December	1,3	-8,4	7,5	0,8	1,0					
Year	4,3	-2,2	-2,7	3,8	0,9					

2/ The annual percentage change is the change in the volume of electricity available for distribution of the relevant month of the current year compared with the corresponding month of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

Table 3 – Seasonally adjusted total volume of electricity available for distribution in South Africa: 2007–2012

		Gigawatt-hours									
Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% change between current and previous month				
January	20 046	19 767	18 431	19 907	20 091	20 127	0,2				
February	19 947	19 957	18 429	19 798	19 994	19 860	-1,3				
March	20 127	19 549	18 608	20 064	20 362	19 444	-2,1				
April	19 793	19 905	18 693	19 848	20 293	19 227	-1,1				
Мау	20 150	19 630	18 863	19 785	20 317	19 256	0,2				
June	20 260	19 754	19 039	20 025	20 127	19 482	1,2				
July	20 287	20 046	19 555	19 707	19 599						
August	20 460	19 854	19 562	19 774	19 907						
September	19 973	19 977	19 640	19 524	19 915						
October	20 147	19 877	19 639	20 111	19 916						
November	20 082	18 946	19 550	20 015	20 072						
December	19 995	18 394	19 729	19 887	20 087						

Table 4 – Indices of the physical volume of electricity production: 2007–2012

Manéh						
Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	103,9	105,3	95,0	103,4	104,0	105,2
February	97,2	99,7	88,5	96,5	98,9	99,4
March	107,8	105,6	99,3	107,4	109,2	105,2
April	100,9	102,0	96,1	102,0	104,8	98,5
Мау	111,9	109,6	104,5	108,5	112,2	106,3
June	112,5	108,8	104,8	110,1	110,8	1/ 108,3
July	116,6	115,1	112,8	113,0	113,2	
August	114,1	110,3	108,8	109,4	110,0	
September	105,5	104,8	104,4	102,8	105,3	
October	109,1	109,4	105,6	110,8	109,2	
November	106,9	101,4	102,6	105,9	106,1	
December	104,6	93,6	100,3	102,1	102,4	
Year	107,6	105,5	101,9	106,0	107,2	

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Table 5 – Annual percentage change in indices of the physical volume of electricity production: 2007–2012

Manth						
Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	4,1	1,3	-9,8	8,8	0,6	1,2
February	3,4	2,6	-11,2	9,0	2,5	0,5
March	4,4	-2,0	-6,0	8,2	1,7	-3,7
April	3,0	1,1	-5,8	6,1	2,7	-6,0
May	3,5	-2,1	-4,7	3,8	3,4	-5,3
June	4,8	-3,3	-3,7	5,1	0,6	-2,3
July	5,2	-1,3	-2,0	0,2	0,2	
August	4,6	-3,3	-1,4	0,6	0,5	
September	3,6	-0,7	-0,4	-1,5	2,4	
October	1,8	0,3	-3,5	4,9	-1,4	
November	3,5	-5,1	1,2	3,2	0,2	
December	3,7	-10,5	7,2	1,8	0,3	
Year	3,8	-2,0	-3,4	4,0	1,1	

2/ The annual percentage change is the change in the index of the physical volume of electricity production of the relevant month of the current year compared with the corresponding month of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

Table 6 – Seasonally adjusted indices of the physical volume of electricity production: 2007–2012

				Base : 2005=	100		
Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% change between current and previous month
January	106,5	108,0	97,7	106,1	106,4	107,4	0,4
February	106,6	107,3	98,1	105,9	107,9	106,1	-1,2
March	107,6	105,3	98,9	106,9	108,5	104,5	-1,5
April	105,4	106,3	100,4	106,1	109,0	102,7	-1,7
Мау	108,2	105,9	101,0	105,1	109,1	103,2	0,5
June	108,9	105,3	101,2	106,5	107,2	104,7	1,5
July	108,3	106,5	104,1	104,3	104,8		
August	108,9	105,2	104,1	105,0	105,8		
September	106,6	106,0	105,6	104,0	106,7		
October	107,1	107,4	103,6	108,8	107,1		
November	108,2	102,6	103,7	107,0	107,2		
December	108,7	97,9	104,7	106,6	107,0		

Table 7 – Total volume of electricity imported: 2007–2012 1/

Manéh	Gigawatt-hours								
Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012			
January	1 088	638	1 102	1 122	1 088	1 085			
February	942	885	999	995	730	1 063			
March	973	802	1 064	1 040	1 112	945			
April	1 055	844	906	931	912	1 068			
Мау	900	761	937	1 074	907	1 066			
June	880	1 002	1 088	1 019	1 009	2/ 1 044			
July	984	1 089	1 040	1 117	979				
August	1 045	1 076	1 072	1 109	1 108				
September	1 026	1 044	920	1 068	974				
October	1 040	645	1 115	770	911				
November	796	711	940	1 018	1 073				
December	619	1 075	1 112	930	1 087				
Year	11 348	10 572	12 295	12 193	11 890				

1/ Physical energy flowing into South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders. 2/ Preliminary.

Table 8 – Total volume of electricity exported: 2007–2012

Manth	Gigawatt-hours							
Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		
January	1 134	1 280	1 096	1 217	1 133	1 247		
February	1 060	1 101	979	1 128	1 069	1 212		
March	1 231	1 136	1 100	1 252	1 279	1 242		
April	1 132	998	1 086	1 170	1 190	1 174		
Мау	1 203	1 120	1 109	1 177	1 241	1 322		
June	1 256	1 162	1 175	1 132	1 174	2/ 1 335		
July	1 301	1 249	1 223	1 206	1 247			
August	1 252	1 220	1 235	1 275	1 298			
September	1 186	1 203	1 285	1 248	1 288			
October	1 252	1 258	1 288	1 338	1 378			
November	1 256	1 252	1 213	1 316	1 381			
December	1 233	1 189	1 263	1 209	1 286			
Year	14 496	14 168	14 052	14 668	14 964			

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		Gigawatt-hours				
		June 2011	May 2012	June 2012 1/	% change between June 2011 and June 2012	Difference between June 2011 and June 2012
Total - All						
producers	Electricity produced	22 620	21 702	22 102	-2,3	-518
	Purchased outside South Africa (import) 2/	1 009	1 066	1 044	3,5	35
	Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	1 541	1 576	1 542	0,1	1
	Sold outside South Africa (export) 3/	1 174	1 322	1 335	13,7	161
	Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	20 914	19 869	20 269	-3,1	-645
ESKOM	Electricity produced	21 592	20 796	21 203	-1,8	-389
	Purchased outside South Africa (import) 2/	1 009	1 066	1 044	3,5	35
	Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	1 464	1 503	1 469	0,3	5
	Sold outside South Africa (export) 3/	1 174	1 322	1 335	13,7	161
	Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	19 963	19 037	19 443	-2,6	-520

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Table 9b – Electricity produced and consumed in power stations, purchased and sold outside South Africa and available for distribution in South Africa (cumulative figures)

		Gigawatt-hours				
		January to June 2011	January to June 2012 1/	% change between January to June 2011 and January to June 2012	Difference between January to June 2011 and January to June 2012	
Total - All						
producers	Electricity produced	130 623	127 140	-2,7	-3 483	
	Purchased outside South Africa (import) 2/	5 758	6 271	8,9	513	
	Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	9 315	9 191	-1,3	-124	
	Sold outside South Africa (export) 3/	7 086	7 532	6,3	446	
	Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	119 980	116 686	-2,7	-3 294	
ESKOM	Electricity produced	125 429	121 913	-2,8	-3 516	
	Purchased outside South Africa (import) 2/	5 758	6 271	8,9	513	
	Consumed in power stations and auxiliary systems	8 919	8 753	-1,9	-166	
	Sold outside South Africa (export) 3/	7 086	7 532	6,3	446	
	Electricity available for distribution in South Africa	115 183	111 899	-2,9	-3 284	

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2/ Physical energy flowing into South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.

3/ Physical energy flowing out of South Africa as measured by the metering systems at the South African borders.

		Gigawatt-hours 1/									
	Period	Western Cape	Eastern Cape	Northern Cape	Free State	KwaZulu- Natal	North West	Gauteng	Mpuma- langa	Limpopo	Total South Africa
2011	January	1 962	777	408	721	3 417	2 187	4 738	3 052	1 021	18 283
	February	1 881	734	372	665	3 256	2 044	4 394	2 808	937	17 091
	March	2 031	773	417	774	3 631	2 292	4 955	3 017	1 063	18 953
	April	1 877	726	389	753	3 432	2 159	5 016	2 946	992	18 290
	May	1 980	811	406	772	3 624	2 283	5 435	3 106	1 000	19 417
	June	1 966	826	417	812	3 527	2 097	5 804	2 945	1 020	19 414
	July	2 014	876	428	814	3 639	2 086	5 971	2 852	972	19 652
	August	1 985	884	414	783	3 574	2 029	5 727	2 830	960	19 186
	September	1 752	840	418	688	3 381	2 172	4 985	2 788	1 028	18 052
	October	1 801	840	447	709	3 547	2 268	4 991	2 997	1 051	18 651
	November	1 767	840	428	666	3 429	2 248	4 814	2 916	1 035	18 143
	December	1 763	783	441	647	3 466	2 107	4 426	2 895	1 050	17 578
	Year	22 779	9 710	4 985	8 804	41 923	25 972	61 256	35 152	12 129	222 710
	Year to date	11 697	4 647	2 409	4 497	20 887	13 062	30 342	17 874	6 033	111 448
2012	January	1 889	844	464	706	3 527	2 237	4 631	2 910	1 038	18 246
	February	1 922	816	403	668	3 271	2 034	4 509	2 779	988	17 390
	March	2 027	859	436	688	3 282	2 161	4 849	2 900	1 000	18 202
	April	1 846	763	391	655	3 154	1 993	4 624	2 800	937	17 163
	May	1 943	839	401	709	3 318	2 181	5 159	2 884	991	18 425
	June 2/	1 943	802	401	709	3 315	2 205	5 643	2 816	974	18 869
	Year to date	11 560	4 923	2 501	4 201	19 867	12 811	29 415	17 089	5 928	108 295

Table 10 – Total volume of electricity delivered by Eskom to provinces for 2011 and 2012

1/ Wholesale energy (Gigawatt-hours) as delivered by Eskom to the various provinces.

2/ Preliminary.

- **Introduction** 1 Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly sample survey of the electricity industry covering electricity undertakings and establishments (branches). This statistical release contains information regarding the volume of electricity units generated and available for distribution in South Africa, the volume of units purchased and sold outside South Africa and the volume of units distributed by Eskom by province on a monthly basis. Both actual and seasonally adjusted figures are published.
 - 2 This statistical release reflects indices of the physical volume of electricity production on the basis of 2005=100. In accordance with international practice, the indices have to be rebased every five years to a new base year.
 - 3 In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month may have been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
- **Purpose of the 4** The results of the monthly electricity generated and available for distribution survey are used to compile estimates of the gross domestic product (GDP) and its components, which are used in monitoring the state of the economy and formulation of economic policy.
- Scope of the 5 survey This survey covers electricity undertakings and establishments conducting activities concerned with the generation or transmission and distribution of electricity. It includes electrical power installations, which, as subsidiary divisions of undertakings, produce electricity for regular use by these undertakings.
- **Classification 6** The 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities* (*SIC*), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 *International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)* with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Each statistical unit is classified to an industry, which reflects the predominant activity of the electricity undertaking or establishment.
- **Collection rate 7** The collection rate for the survey on electricity generated and available for distribution for June 2012 was 99%.
- **Statistical unit 8** The basic statistical unit for the collection of information is the electricity undertaking or establishment. The electricity undertaking or establishment is the smallest economic unit that functions as a separate entity. Each statistical unit is classified to an industry (see paragraph 5).
- **Survey** 9 All statistical units are stratified by type of economic activity according to the **Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC)** and measure of size, where measure of size is the volume of electricity generated by the electricity undertaking or establishment. All large undertakings or establishments (size category one cases) are completely enumerated. A sample is drawn from medium and small size undertakings and establishments by systematically selecting undertaking or establishment within each size category. An electricity undertaking or establishment with a total generating capacity of less than 500 kilowatt is excluded from the sample.
 - **10** The survey is conducted by mail, email and telephone. Information is collected from a sample of 25 electricity undertakings or establishments.

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 The calculation of the monthly production indices is based on the volume of electricity units produced.

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Benchmarking	12	The index of physical volume of electricity production should provide an accurate reflection of the trend of activities of the relevant industry. The level of activities, as measured by the monthly electricity generated and available for distribution survey, is based on information received from a sample of electricity undertakings and establishments. These levels are weighted according to the original sample and designed to represent the population of electricity undertakings and establishments. It is necessary to adjust the level of activities as measured by the monthly sample survey to the level of activities as measured periodically by the Census of electricity, gas and steam. This procedure, whereby the latest results of an economic census are used to compile more accurate level estimates for a certain year, is known as benchmarking.
	13	The results of the 1995 Census of electricity, gas and steam served as a benchmark to verify or adjust the level of the monthly physical volume of electricity production indices collected through the monthly sample survey. The level adjustments were done on the volume indices for August of the relevant census year (the 1995 census year covered the period 1 January 1995 to 31 December 1995 and therefore, the benchmarking was done using the index of August 1995 as reference point).
Seasonal adjustment	14	Seasonally adjusted estimates of all items are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognized. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences, which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. This means the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X12-ARIMA procedure for electricity generated and available for distribution is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at http://www.statssa.gov.za/publications/P4141/electricity seasonal adjustment_note_2011.pdf
Trend cycle	15	The trend is the long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted estimates.
Related publications	16	 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from Stats SA : Bulletin of Statistics; and SA Statistics.
Rounding-off of figures	17	Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown. There may therefore be slight discrepancies between the sums of the constituent items and the totals shown.

Glossary				
Consumption of electricity		For purposes of this release the term ±consumption of electricityq is used interchangeably with the term ±electricity available for distributionq		
Electricity undertaking	An electricity undertaking is an undertaking concerned with the generation or transmission and distribution of electricity, including electrical power installations, which, as subsidiary divisions of undertakings, produce electricity for regular use by these undertakings.			
Index of physical volume of electricity production	A statistical measure of the change in the volume of production of electricity in a given period and the volume of production of electricity in the base period. The base period is 2005. The production in the base period is set at 100.			
Industry	same or System o	try consists of a group of undertakings or establishments engaged in the similar kinds of economic activity. Industries are defined in the 1993 of National Accounts (1993 SNA) in the same way as in the Standard Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No.		
Unit of electricity	One gigawatt-hour of electricity is equal to one million kilowatt-hours. A kilowatt- hour is the basic unit of electrical energy equal to one kilowatt of power supplied to or taken from an electric circuit steadily for one hour. One kilowatt-hour equals one thousand watt-hours.			
Symbols and abbreviations	GDP ISIC SIC Stats SA *	Gross domestic product International Standard Industrial Classification Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities Statistics South Africa Revised figures		

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