

## **Supply of Electricity to the Northern Transvaal**

In August, 1963, an application was received from the Municipality of Warmbad for a partial bulk supply to augment the supply generated in its own power station; and an offer was made of a supply from the Rand and Orange Free State Undertaking.

Subsequently a meeting was called at Potgietersrust, under the Chairmanship of Dr. P. S. Rautenbach, Chairman of the Electricity Control Board, at which the Municipalities of Warmbad, Nylstroom, Naboomspruit, Pietersburg and Potgietersrust, and other interested bodies were represented; and Escom was asked to investigate and draw up a scheme to supply electricity in these areas.

The existing power stations at Warmbad and Pietersburg are able to make a contribution to the power requirements of these areas for many years to come: so that Escom's proposals have been drawn up to meet the increase in power requirements which is expected in this area. The scheme provides for the construction of a major transmission line, at 275 kV, from Esselen Distribution Station to Warmbad, and a 132 kV line from Warmbad to Potgietersrust and eventually to Pietersburg.

Negotiations are proceeding with the Municipalities of Warmbad and Pietersburg, who own the existing power stations.