

ESCOM'S UNDERTAKINGS

The licensed areas of supply of Escom's Undertakings, including areas which have been applied for, are shown in colour on the map which appears opposite this page.

Rand and O.F.S. Undertaking

The application made on the 11th November, 1965, for extension of the Greater Rand Extension and Orange Free State Licence to include a large area in the Northern Transvaal was granted by the Electricity Control Board on 4th March, 1968. The objection lodged by the Municipality of Warmbad was withdrawn and a permanent supply of electricity has been given to this town. During 1967 an urgent application was received from the Municipality of Louis Trichardt: and it is anticipated that a supply will be made available to this Municipality during the latter half of 1968.

Proposed Orange River Undertaking

The application for a licence for the proposed Orange River Undertaking, which was made to the

Electricity Control Board, on the 15th December, 1966, is still receiving attention. Objections to the granting of this licence were lodged by the Municipality of Somerset East and by the Municipalities of Trompsburg, Bethulie, Philippolis, Edenburg, Springfontein and Die Suid-Vrystaatse Elektriesiciteit- Voorziening-Utiliteitsmaatskappy in the Orange Free State. After a meeting with representatives of the Municipality of Somerset East, the objection by this Municipality was withdrawn. Discussions have taken place with the other objectors and a public hearing of the application has been arranged for 3rd May, 1968.

Meanwhile, in order to avoid capital expenditure on extensions of the municipal power stations at Rouxville, Smithfield and Zastron in the short period before supplies of electricity could be made available from the proposed Undertaking, Escom has been purchasing small supplies of electricity from the Municipality of Aliwal North for distribution to these municipalities. The Revenue and Expenditure Account, which is included in this Report, reflects the results of these interim arrangements.