



IN MORE damning testimony regarding former president Jacob Zuma allegedly meddling in the affairs of state-owned enterprises, the state capture commission of inquiry yesterday heard that he had furiously objected to former Eskom chief executive Jacob Maroga leaving the power utility back in 2009. So determined was Zuma that he and Maroga held secret meetings without then public enterprises minister Barbara Hogan's knowledge, affirming Maroga's position at Eskom against the wishes of the board. Hogan was continuing her testimony at the inquiry, which is being chaired by deputy chief justice Raymond Zondo. The Maroga saga at Eskom started during a board getaway to strategise on Eskom in October 2009. Hogan said she was told by the board that during a meeting Maroga got up and told them that he was resigning and stepped out of the room. Maroga and then board chairperson Bobby Godsell had a tense working relationship at the time, leading Godsell to leave the room as well to allow the rest of the board to handle Maroga's sudden resignation. The board then unanimously agreed to accept Maroga's resignation. | **African News Agency (ANA)**