

Media Release

OUR reviews JPS' 2013 Annual Non-Fuel Tariff Adjustment

(KINGSTON, Jamaica: April 16, 2013): The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) has received the submission from the Jamaica Public Service Company Limited (JPS) to review the Annual Non-Fuel Tariff Adjustment for 2013.

In its submission, the JPS is requesting that a 10.35% adjustment be applied to the non-fuel rates to offset the increase in inflation and adverse foreign exchange rates. Additionally, the company is proposing to introduce:

1. a Wholesale Tariff (WT) rate class for its largest customers;
2. an Early Payment Incentive of a \$250 credit to customers who pay their bills in full and on time and an equivalent late charge to those customers who do not make payment on or before the due date. Resulting from the application of this late charge, the customer's supply will not be disconnected for a further 30 days;
3. an increase in the disconnection fee from \$1,500 to \$1,600 (plus GCT);
4. an Illegal Reconnection Fee of \$2,000; and,
5. changes to the fuel weights which is intended to give a volume discount to the largest users of electricity as well as to provide a further discount to shift more production to the off-peak time band.

The JPS' submission was made in keeping with the provisions of the Amended and Restated All Island Electric Licence 2011 (The Licence), Schedule 3, section 4, which allows it to make annual filings to the *Office*.

The full submission is available on the OUR's website at www.our.org.jm.

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