

## **Media Release**

### **OUR to get JPS Report on Latest Power Outage**

**(KINGSTON, Jamaica: April 2, 2013):** The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) has indicated to the Jamaica Public Service Company Limited (JPS) that it expects to have a report by noon Friday April 5, 2013 on the power outage which occurred on March 30, 2013 shortly after 2 p.m.

The outage, which was initially reported to be triggered by an incident at the Duhaney substation, one of the critical points on the company's transmission system, affected a significant portion of the island.

The power company has committed to delivering the preliminary report on the outage by Friday.

The OUR only recently completed, and made public, its detailed Report on the island-wide public electricity system shutdown of August 5, 2012. That Report also examined the reliability of the power grid and found it wanting. The Investigation Committee had made several critical recommendations to the JPS to prevent such outages in the future. JPS agreed largely with the findings of the Office and indicated that it has already begun to implement measures to comply with the recommendations and to reduce the risk to its system.

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