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Statement from the OUR on the process by which Net Billing licensees can connect to the JPS grid

The OUR wishes to remind licensees under the net billing programme that in order to be connected to the grid they are required to fulfill **all** the requirements and obligations contained in the Standard Offer Contract which governs this service.

Applicants must comply with ALL the requirements, inclusive of insurance, and must obtain the approval of the Government's Electrical Inspectorate (GEI) Division of the Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining.

The OUR hereby advises all parties that its role is to develop the framework for net billing. This was achieved through a process of consultation with all the stakeholders, after which the JPS was directed to accept applications that meet the criteria set out in the documentation.

The OUR also conducts due diligence on the applicant, and if found fit, a recommendation is made to the Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining to issue a licence.

When a licence is issued to an applicant, it becomes the responsibility of that applicant to conclude the necessary contract with the JPS, and thereafter to install the appropriate infrastructure which must be approved by the GEI before connection to the grid.

Applicants who, having received a licence and fulfilled all the other requirements, experience any difficulty getting connected to the grid, may bring this matter to the attention of the OUR.

The full process is set out in documents posted on the home page of the OUR's website at www.our.org.jm

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