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OUR continues consultations to get comments on “net billing” contract to access power grid

The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) will, next Monday and Wednesday, continue the series of public consultations on the “Standard Offer Contract for the Purchase of As-Available Energy from Intermittent Renewable Energy Facilities up to 100kW”.

The second consultation will take place on Monday March 28 at 5:30 pm at Regie’s Bistro, 37 Main Street in Mandeville while the third and final consultation will take place next Wednesday at the Courtleigh Hotel in New Kingston also starting at 5:30pm.

The first consultation which was held in Montego Bay on March 23, saw attendance from a number of persons who have an interest in accessing the JPS grid.

The contract, which was developed in consultation with the Jamaica Public Service Company Limited is available at the OUR’s website www.our.org.jm. It outlines the terms, conditions and pricing regime for small power providers, such as those with solar photo voltaic systems and wind turbines, to gain access to the grid operated by the Jamaica Public Service Company.

The procedure known as net billing, is a program offered by a utility company for customers who install renewable energy systems to generate their own electricity and sell the excess to the grid.

The Office is seeking comments on the contract from the general public and mass-based organisations. Comments should be submitted to Mr. Richard Brown at rbrown@our.org.jm.

The OUR is also issuing an invitation to members of the public to attend any of the two remaining consultations at which time prospective customers will have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions and/or air their views on this matter.

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