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OUR Approves Connection/Reconnection Fee for Tryall Golf and Beach Club

(KINGSTON, Jamaica; 2020 September 08): The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) has approved a request by Tryall Golf and Beach Club Limited (TGBC), for Connection/Reconnection fee of \$5,040 for water supply to residents of the Tryall Beach and Country Club in Hanover.

The OUR's decision took effect 2020 September 1.

This follows OUR's approval of water rates for TGBC's customers, which took effect 2019 April 1 after review of a rate application submitted by the company. TGBC's application then, did not include a request for a Connection/Reconnection fee, and therefore the company, on 2020 May 12, applied for a fee of \$5,040 for this service.

In assessing the reasonableness of TGBC's application, the OUR was guided by its "No Objection Policy". This policy is based on a principle that if the rates proposed by a small private water or sewerage services provider are below those being charged by the National Water Commission (NWC) and other small water providers for comparable services, the OUR would not object to the implementation of the proposed rates.

The OUR's analysis indicates that TGBC rates do not exceed those charged by the NWC for comparable services and was within the existing industry average and therefore approved its request.

Consistent with its licence, TGBC can apply for another tariff review two years after OUR's 2019 April 1 Tariff Determination Notice.

TGBC is a privately owned company which was granted a Water Supply and Distribution Licence on 2018 August 27. It supplies potable water to homeowners and residents in Tryall Golf and Beach Club.

The Tryall Golf and Beach Club Limited Connection/Reconnection Fee Determination Notice can be viewed on the OUR's website: www.our.org.jm.