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DR. DERRICK MCKOY APPOINTED NEW OUR CHAIRMAN

(KINGSTON, Jamaica; 2020 May 13): Attorney-at-Law and former Contractor General of Jamaica, Dr. Derrick McKoy, CD, has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) by Governor General, His Excellency, the Most Hon. Sir Patrick Allen, for five (5) years, effective 11th May 2020.

Dr. McKoy succeeds the OUR's first Chairman, Mr. Joseph M. Matalon who demitted office on 1st January 2020.

In announcing the new appointment to the staff, Director General, Ansord Hewitt, extended a warm welcome to Dr. McKoy, encouraging all to continue on the course of excellence which is central to the organization's operations and outlook. He also indicated that he expects Dr. McKoy to make a stellar contribution to the leadership of the OUR.

A former Dean of the Faculty of Law, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Dr. McKoy has an extensive and outstanding record of experience and achievement in the public and private sector. His areas of specialization include: public law and management, law of the regulatory environment, alternative dispute resolution, construction law, international trade and development, and competition law. Dr. McKoy was a legal consultant to the OUR's Implementation Unit when the organization was being established in 1997.

Dr. McKoy serves on several public and private boards. He currently chairs the Fair Trading Commission, the Jamaica Anti-Dumping and Subsidies Commission, the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme in Jamaica and the National Compliance and Regulatory Authority. He sits on the boards of the Jamaica Stock Exchange, M/VL Stockbrokers Limited, the Jamaica Youth Business Trust, and the Munro College School Board as a Trust Appointed Member.

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He was a founding member of the Jamaica Chapter of Transparency International and, from 2006 to 2015 he was a member of the All-Island Electricity Appeals Tribunal, Jamaica. He is also a former member of the Integrity Commission of Jamaica.

A graduate of the Norman Manley Law School, he holds a doctorate in law from the University of Leicester, a doctorate in Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University, a Masters of Law (LLM) in International and Comparative Law from University College London, the Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from Barry University, and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from The University of the West Indies.

He received the Order of Distinction (Commander Class) for his outstanding contribution to the legal profession and for public service in 2016.

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