

COMING SOON... JPS Rate Determination



In accordance with the Amended and Restated All-Island Electric Licence 2011, the Jamaica Public Service Company Limited (JPS) filed its application for new non-fuel tariff rates on April 9, 2014. The current non-fuel tariff rates, fixed by the OUR effective October 1, 2009 are set to expire upon approval of the new rates. To obtain new non-fuel tariff rates the Licence stipulates that JPS must submit a filing with the OUR by the succeeding fifth anniversary of the last submission.

The OUR's rate determination process is designed to review and determine the rate for a given service. The process begins with pre-tariff consultations and ends with submission for gazetting. During the process of arriving at the rate determination, the OUR identified key tariff issues, prepared position papers; reviewed utility position papers and submissions, conducted pre-application consultation, reviewed the tariff application, conducted research/ benchmarking, reviewed the draft determination, and submitted it for gazetting.

In this case the OUR received and acknowledged JPS' application on April 9, 2014 and following an initial review and the acceptance of filing there were two weeks of islandwide consultations. The consultations served the purpose of: increasing public awareness of the elements of the utility's tariff application; allowing the utility involved to present its positions regarding new and critical components of the application; clarifying and informing the public as to the role of the stakeholders and the processes involved in arriving at a determination; and getting feedback from the public and other interested stakeholders on relevant elements of the application in order to inform analysis.