

JPS to give OUR more information on island-wide blackout

(KINGSTON, Jamaica; 2016 October 14): The Jamaica Public Service Company Limited (JPS) submitted its detailed report on the island-wide blackout of 2016 August 27 to the Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) on 2016 September 28. This is as directed by the Electricity Act, 2015, which requires that the light and power company provides this report to the OUR within thirty (30) days of the date of restoration of power.

In addition to the detailed report requirement, the JPS asked for more time to provide additional information that was requested by the OUR and has been given until 2016 October 31 to do so.

The OUR is committed to completing its investigation and analysis within thirty (30) days of receipt of all the required information and will make the public aware of all developments.

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BACKGROUND: On Saturday, 2016 August 27 there was an island-wide blackout which lasted for several hours. The JPS submitted a preliminary report to the OUR, as requested, on Monday, 2016 August 29.

That report confirmed that a procedural error caused a total system blackout on JPS' transmission system at approximately 5:45 p.m.