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OUR goes to St. Catherine for *Parish Connections*

(KINGSTON, Jamaica; 2016 February 3): The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) will this week host a series of activities in St Catherine as part of its **Parish Connections** outreach series.

Parish Connections is an island wide public education programme which was launched by the OUR in March 2015, in collaboration with the utility companies it regulates: FLOW, Digicel, National Water Commission, Jamaica Public Service Co., the Consumer Affairs Commission and the Consumer Advisory Committee on Utilities.

The primary objectives are to educate consumers on their rights and responsibilities, provide cost saving information and put consumers directly in touch with their utility companies to have their queries addressed. It also provides an opportunity for the utilities to update customers on work being done in their communities and plans to improve service delivery.

Through this channel, the OUR facilitates active communication and re-establishes continuing consumer and stakeholder dialogue so that there can be a two-way flow of information on their various concerns. The OUR has already staged activities in Hanover, Westmoreland, St. Elizabeth and Manchester.

Between February 3 and 5, 2016, there will be several events in St. Catherine.

DATE	VENUE	PUBLICS	SPEAKERS
Wednesday, February 3, 2016 11 a.m.- 1:00 pm	Dinthill High School	Schools	OUR, Digicel and FLOW
Wednesday February 3, 2016 6:30 p.m.-8:30p.m.	Jose Marti High School	Town Hall Meeting	GUEST SPEAKER – CEO, JPS, Ms. Kelly Tomblin Presentations will also be made by the other utility companies and the OUR
Thursday, February 4, 2016 6:30 p.m.-8:30p.m.	Guys Hill Community Centre	Town Hall Meeting	All Utility companies and the OUR
Friday, February 5, 2016 10 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.	Sagicor Plaza, Spanish Town	Expo	Booths: OUR, All Utilities, CAC, others

The next series of activities will be staged in Clarendon in mid-March 2016.