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OUR Puts the Spotlight on Theft of Utility Services and Equipment

(KINGSTON, Jamaica; 2018 July 30): The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) will put the spotlight on the impact of theft of utility services and equipment, when it hosts a special webinar on Tuesday, 2018 July 31.

For the first time, representatives of all the major utility companies will converge to discuss this significant problem and the toll it is taking on their companies and customers. Panellists will include:

Digicel	FLOW	JPS	NWC
Anthony Barrows, Group Head - Field Operations Management	Kayon Mitchell, Director - Corporate Communications and Stakeholder Management	Rasheed Anderson, Director - Losses Operations & Analytics	Charles Buchanan, Corporate Public Relations Manager

Director General of the OUR, Ansord E. Hewitt said, “The OUR is mindful of the significant challenges this problem poses to the utility companies’ bottom line. Equally important is the impact on customers in terms of their service and the security risk. Also attendant to this is the adverse effect on commerce and production in the economy. It is therefore imperative that everyone become more intolerant of such theft as all of us are directly affected.”

Mr Hewitt continued: “The OUR has been having dialogue with the utility companies and has made its own recommendations on measures to help cauterise this problem. We have also started a media campaign on this serious issue. This webinar is another avenue through which we are seeking to shed light on this matter.”

Interested persons can log on to the OUR’s YouTube channel and its Facebook page to view the webinar and participate. A special number has also been set up to take questions and comments via WhatsApp. The number is: 876-316-2647.

The webinar starts at 1:00 pm, on Tuesday, 2018 July 31.

