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**OUR Rejects JPS's 2019-24 Tariff Review Application**

**(KINGSTON, Jamaica; 2019 August 16):** The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) has rejected the Jamaica Public Service Company's (JPS) 2019-24 Tariff Review application, because of material deficiencies including the absence of critical information and supporting documentation.

The OUR's rejection of the application is pursuant to Schedule 3, paragraph 7 of the Electricity Licence, 2016, which states *inter alia*, that "If the Office determines that the filing is deficient it shall reject such filing within the said ten (10) working days and shall notify the Licensee clearly identifying the deficiencies".

As a result of this decision, the public consultations on the JPS tariff proposal scheduled for August 20-September 4, have been postponed until further notice.

Under the company's Electricity Licence, 2016, the OUR had ten (10) working days – to 2019 August 16 – to conduct its preliminary examination and inform JPS as to whether it will accept or reject its application. The JPS had applied for a rate review from the OUR on 2019 July 31.

Following their preliminary assessment of the submission, on 2019 August 15, the OUR's Technical Team concluded that it was deficient and would not allow for a comprehensive evaluation of the application. The inherent deficiencies identified in the application were communicated to the JPS in a letter issued 2019 August 16.

The JPS may resubmit its application when the identified deficiencies, any items requiring further clarification or additional information have been rectified and/or addressed.