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OUR to conduct public consultations for DEML tariff review

(KINGSTON, Jamaica; April 8, 2014): The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) will, on Tuesday April 8 and Thursday April 10, conduct two public consultations following an application from Dynamic Environmental Management Limited (DEML) for a tariff review.

The consultations will start at 6 p.m. on April 8, 2014 at the Caribbean Estates in Portmore and on April 10, 2014 at Fi Wi Place at Gutters in St. Catherine.

DEML provides water and sewerage services to over two-thousand residents in Vineyards Estate in Bushy Park St. Catherine as well as Caribbean Estates, Portmore Country Club and Morris Meadows located in Portmore, St. Catherine. The company provides over 54-million litres of water per month through a network of pipelines in the various housing developments and provides sewerage services to approximately 97% of its customers.

DEML has applied to the OUR for a tariff review consistent with the terms of its licence and is requesting:

- A 63-percent increase in its water and sewerage charges to its customers,
- A 42-percent increase in its service charge,
- A 50-percent hike in connection fee, and
- A 36-percent in reconnection fee.

It is also applying for the application of its Price Adjustment Mechanism (PAM) to continue.

The DEML's consultation can be viewed on the OUR's website: <u>www.our.org.jm</u>

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