

### **OUR to Receive Cardiff Hall sub-station Incident Report**

**(KINGSTON, Jamaica; 2017 June 30):** The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) expects to receive from Jamaica Public Service Company Limited (JPS), a detailed report on the outage at the Cardiff Hall sub-station that affected over 20,000 customers in Runaway Bay, St. Ann on 2017 June 24.

As stipulated in the Electricity Act 2015, JPS is obliged to deliver this report to the OUR within thirty (30) days of the date of restoration of power, and it is therefore expected that the report will be submitted by 2017 July 25.

In its preliminary report to the OUR on 2017 June 27, JPS stated that on Saturday 2017 June 24, at approximately 8:12 pm, there was an electrical fault that caused an interruption of supply to customers served from the Cardiff Hall sub-station.

Approximately 22,449 customers connected to the service area were without electricity for more than 14 hours. The affected communities were: Runaway Bay, Discovery Bay, Salem, Queens Highway, James Hill, Bohemia, Cave Valley, Nine Miles, Watt Town, Aenon Town and surrounding areas.

JPS indicated it received reports of a major explosion and subsequent fire at the sub-station. The fire was extinguished following removal of the sub-station from the 69kV supply, and additional cooling down operations executed by JPS personnel. The company also advised that power was restored to all customers by 10.30 a.m. on 2017 June 25.