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**OUR Holds Public Consultations for JPS Tariff Review**

**(KINGSTON, Jamaica; 2020 February 18):** The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) will host a series of town hall meetings in March as part of its public consultations on the 2019-2024 Jamaica Public Service Company Limited’s (JPS) Tariff Application.

JPS had re-submitted its application to the OUR on 2019 December 30, after it was initially rejected by the OUR for lacking vital information. The OUR has until 2020 May 12 to issue a decision on the re-submitted application.

As part of its review, the OUR will be holding meetings with residents in the following eight parishes:

<b>PARISHES</b>	<b>VENUES</b>	<b>DATES</b>
<b>St. Elizabeth</b>	Sharon Baptist Church, Santa Cruz	March 10, 2020
<b>Manchester</b>	Manchester High, Mandeville	March 11, 2020
<b>Clarendon</b>	St. James Methodist Church Hall, May Pen	March 12, 2020
<b>Kingston and St. Andrew</b>	Pembroke Hall High School	March 17, 2020
<b>Westmoreland</b>	Negril Community Centre	March 18, 2020
<b>St. James</b>	St. John’s Methodist Community Action Centre, Montego Bay	March 19, 2020
<b>St. Catherine</b>	José Marti Technical School	March 23, 2020
<b>St. Mary</b>	St. Mary Municipal Corporation, Port Maria	March 25, 2020

All meetings start at 6:00 pm.

Director of Consumer and Public Affairs, Yvonne Nicholson says, “Consultation is an important process in the assessment of applications such as this, as it provides us with another opportunity to hear first-hand from residents about the critical utility issues they are having with their service provider. We urge residents to attend these meetings and hear directly from JPS Executives what they are asking for in terms of rates and about other issues.”

Please view the JPS Tariff Application on the OUR’s website: [www.our.org.jm](http://www.our.org.jm). -30-

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