

Media Release

Appointment of Interim OUR Director General

(KINGSTON, February 26, 2013): Mr. Maurice Charvis has been appointed interim Director General of the Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) by the Governor General His Excellency the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen for a period of eight (8) months, effective February 10, 2013. The process of engaging a permanent Director General is now in progress.

Mr. Charvis was a Deputy Director General of the OUR – a post in which he served since July, 1, 2009. He brings to this new position a very strong background in utility regulation, having served the organization at a senior level, for approximately sixteen (16) years. He has been pivotal to the development of the OUR in the handling of regulatory policy issues, resulting in the organization becoming the leading utility regulator in the Caribbean.

In his new role as interim Director General, he will be accountable to Parliament through the Office of the Cabinet/Office of the Prime Minister, for the regulation of the utility sectors pursuant to the Office of Utilities Regulation Act, and other relevant legislation and enabling instruments.

Prior to joining the OUR, Mr. Charvis worked with the National Water Commission, the Jamaica Telephone Company Ltd., and the Department of Mines.

His appointment follows Mr. Zia Mian's departure on Friday, February 8, 2013.

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