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RUNAWAY BAY WATER COMPANY APPLIES FOR RATE REVIEW

(Kingston, Jamaica; 2020 November 13): The Runaway Bay Water Company Ltd (RBWC) has applied to the Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) for an increase in its water and sewerage rates as provided for by its Water Supply and Sewerage Service Provider Licences. The utility provider says it intends to use the increased revenues to maintain and upgrade its facilities.

RBWC's application was first received on 2020 July 1. However, it had some areas of deficiencies, which prevented an immediate review. In light of this, the OUR requested critical supporting information and data, which RBWC submitted on 2020 October 9.

RBWC's tariff requests include an increase:

- In service charge of :
 - 3% for 5/8 inch meters;
 - 10% for 1 inch and above;
 - 80% for 4 inch and 8 inch (to accommodate contractual supply arrangements with NWC);
- In volumetric water rate ranging from 5% to 43% for residential customers;
- Of 7% in water rates for commercial customers;
- Of 16% for bulk water rate;
- Of 47% (average) for sewerage customers.

RBWC also applied for continuation of the monthly Price Adjustment Mechanism (PAM) rate adjustment.

RBWC is licensed to supply potable water in the Runaway Bay area of St. Ann and to supply potable water and sewerage services in the Caymanas area of St. Catherine.

The OUR will host a virtual consultation with RBWC's customers on Sunday, 2020 November 15, where RBWC will make a presentation on its application and plans for improved service. Customers will also get an opportunity to dialogue with company executives.

You can examine the [details on RBWC's application](http://www.our.org.jm) on the OUR's website: www.our.org.jm.