



## **Public Utilities Commission**



### **PRESS RELEASE**

**March 28, 2022 – The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is receiving Technical Assistance from the United States Department of Energy for “Technical Advisory Assistance on Distributed Generation Regulatory and Operational Frameworks.**

The Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), Dean Molina, says the Government of Belize (GOB) is committed to developing a regulatory framework for the modernization of the electricity industry in Belize.

He stressed that Belize’s renewable energy resources, particularly Solar and Wind energy, would uniquely position Belize to generate its own supply of electricity; thus reducing the country’s dependence on the supply of electricity from external sources.

Recognizing the vital importance of the region’s need for energy security, the United States Department of Energy is offering “Technical Assistance for Clean Energy Development and Power Sector Governance, Decarbonization, Reliability, Resilience, and Integration in Central America.” Accordingly, the US State Department has agreed to assist the PUC in preparing an appropriate regulatory and operational regime for the implementation of Distributed Generation (Small scale Solar and Wind generation).

The PUC is grateful for the technical assistance and considers this assistance as timely and relevant to create the enabling regulatory framework for the modernization of the electricity industry in Belize.

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