

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION NOTICE

Call for Independent Expert

1. Introduction

On March 06, 2020, The Public Utilities Commission of Belize (PUC) issued the **Belize Electricity Limited's (BEL) 2020 Full Tariff Review Proceedings Initial Decision** (hereafter termed the **Initial Decision**). The **Initial Decision** included amendments to the tariffs, regulated values, mean electricity rate, charges and fees to be levied by BEL for the period 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2024. On March 20, 2020 BEL filed its objection to the **Initial Decision**. Given this objection, the PUC is now obligated to appoint an Independent Expert, pursuant to Section 23 of the Rate-setting Byelaw (S.I. 145 of 2005) as amended)

2. Aim of the Call

The PUC is issuing a call for **expressions of interest (EOI)** for an Independent Expert to review the **Initial Decision** and offer recommendations on the regulated values, mean electricity rates, tariffs, rates, charges and fees for the next full tariff period of 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2024. The **terms of reference (TOR)** associated with this call can be obtained from the office of the PUC or seen on the PUC's website.

3. Duration

The Independent Expert shall issue a written report to the PUC **within 30 days** of the Independent Expert's appointment.

4. Requirements

a. Eligibility

- Recognized competence in engineering, economics, finance, utility management or business;
- Minimum 10 years of professional experience
- Minimum 5 years' experience working in or with a small regulated electrical utility environment (< 250 MW) such as in Belize / the Caribbean.

b. Skills and Knowledge in Specific Areas of Expertise

- Have proven experience and understanding of electricity utility practice or price regulation systems and its components (efficiency analysis, cost allocation, finance, setting of asset base, WACC, quality targets, etc.);
- Previous experience working in a regulatory environment would be an asset;
- Proficient (oral and written) in the English language. Proven capability to draft technical texts in the English language.

5. Selection

The PUC shall appoint an Independent Expert no later than **August 11, 2020**. To meet this deadline applicants are being asked to respond to this EOI no later than July 24, 2020. Information about the outcome of the selection procedure shall be made available to applicants no later than July 31, 2020 in writing.

6. Submission of Application

A complete application will include the following:

- (1) Cover letter – highlighting analogous undertakings and relevant professional experience
- (2) Curriculum Vitae
- (3) Consultancy Fees

Personal data will be protected and strict codes of confidentiality will be applied.

The deadline for applications is 4:30 pm on **Friday, July 24, 2020**. Interested applicants should submit completed applications to:

Public Utilities Commission
41 Gabourel Lane
Belize City, Belize

RE: Independent Expert Expression of Interest

Belize Electricity Limited 2020 Full Tariff Review Proceedings Initial Decision

Or email

info@puc.bz