



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby serves NOTICE this day, July 15, 2020, that the Full Tariff Review Proceeding (FTRP) for the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) for the determination of Regulated Values, Mean Electricity Rate, Tariffs, Fees and Charges to be approved for the Full Tariff Period (FTP) of July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2024, will be resumed on July 27, 2020.

Suspension of FTRP:

Based on the recommendation of BEL and due to the State of Emergency declared as a consequence of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the FTRP was suspended by the PUC effective March 21, 2020, the last day for comments or objections to the **Initial Decision** issued by the PUC on March 6, 2020.

Objection to Initial Decision:

On March 20, 2020, BEL made a formal objection to the **Initial Decision**. As a consequence of BEL's objection, the FTRP is required to be continued in accordance with the **Electricity (Tariffs, Fees and Charges) Byelaws**.

Schedule for Resumption of FTRP:

- a) No later than August 4, 2020, the PUC shall appoint an **Independent Expert** to review the **Initial Decision**, taking BEL's objection into consideration.
- b) The **Independent Expert** shall submit a written report on the review of the **Initial Decision** within thirty (30) days of his/her appointment.
- c) Within twenty (20) days of the submission of the report of the **Independent Expert**, BEL and any Interested Party representing users of at least 10% of the annual quantity of electricity supplied by BEL in the preceding year may submit comments on the report. Where such comments challenge the report, the PUC shall within fifteen (15) days afford BEL and/or relevant Interested Parties an opportunity to be heard.
- d) Within fifty (50) days of the submission of the report of the **Independent Expert**, the PUC shall issue its **Final Decision**.

Viewing of Initial Decision:

The **Initial Decision** and BEL's objection may be viewed in its entirety at the offices of the PUC at 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, or on its Website at www.puc.bz.