

Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Electricity Act, (1992) Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize and all other powers thereunto, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC; the Commission) hereby notifies the general public of its intent to create a modern electricity licenses and consent regime. In this regard the PUC will garner input from Interested Parties as the Commission moves ahead in making subsidiary legislation on the granting of licences to conduct certain Electricity Activities.

Summary of proposed licensing for Electricity Activities:

The regime considers various categories of activities undertaken in electricity generation, transmission and supply, the legal and regulatory provisions applying to those categories, and the appropriate types of licences or exemptions for each category.

- a) The Licence & Consent regime seeks to address licensable and non-licensable activities. Any activity falling within the definition of generation, transmission and supply of electricity must be licensed and be placed on the register. Existing operators of electricity systems not yet authorized will need to procure the requisite license to be in compliance with the law.
- b) Persons who wish to own and operate electricity generation plants that will be grid connected or for commercial sale to other persons need to obtain an electricity license.
- c) The Commission is proposing certain requirements, restrictions or conditions in the electricity license, as well as the statutory duties imposed under the Electricity Act.
- d) The regime is in accordance with statutory powers conferred in respect of Licence to All Persons, Licence to Persons of a Class and Licence to a Particular Person.

This consultation is a concise approach that the Public Utilities Commission proposes to take in respect to the licensing of Electricity activities in Belize.

Comments from the Public:

Members of the public are invited to give their comments via e-mail to (info@puc.bz) by 14 October, 2022.

Viewing of the draft document:

The draft consultation document may be viewed in its entirety at the offices of the PUC, 2nd Floor Marina Towers, Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City, or on the PUC Website at www.puc.bz.