

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **Public Utilities Commission**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Utilities Commission Act, Chapter 223 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “PUC” or “the Commission”) hereby notifies the general public that it intends to issue an **Electricity License to Generate, Transmit and Supply Electricity** (hereinafter referred to as “the Electricity Licence”) to **Hydro Maya Limited (HML)**.

### **Purpose of the proposed Electricity Licence:**

To generate, transmit and supply electricity utilizing a rated site capacity of 3.4 Megawatts and associated energy for the purpose of enabling the **Belize Electricity Limited (BEL)** to provide electricity services to the public, subject to any **Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)** approved by the Commission.

### **Reasons for Proposal to Grant the Electricity Licence:**

- a) The Government of Belize granted a Concession effective July 29, 1998, to **HML** for the purpose of owning, constructing, and operating a 2.0 MW hydroelectric facility located on Government-owned land and water usage on the Rio Grande River in the Toledo District. The said Concession, which expires on July 28, 2023, is hereinafter referred to as the "Concession" or "Government Concession".
- b) The Minister granted a Licence effective August 24, 1998, to **HML** for the purpose of giving a supply to the **BEL** utilizing a site capacity of 2.0 Megawatts.
- c) **HML’s Rio Grande Project** was selected under the **Request for Proposals for Electricity Generation Belize 2002** that was conducted by BEL, resulting in a **PPA** being executed on September 13, 2003.
- d) The Government of Belize, after dialogue with HML, amended the Concession effective February 14, 2005, including, among other things, fixing the site capacity at a minimum of 2.0 MW.
- e) The HML-BEL PPA, described in c) above, was renewed with a contract renewal date of March 8, 2022, expiring on July 28, 2023.
- f) The Commission proposes to grant the Electricity Licence to **HML** for the purpose stated above; to provide 3.4 Megawatts of site capacity and associated energy to BEL for the remainder of the Government Concession.

### **Representations and Objections:**

Members of the public and all other interested parties may submit written representations and/or objections to the proposal to grant the Electricity Licence by email to [info@puc.bz](mailto:info@puc.bz) or at its offices at 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Marina Towers, Belize City, until 5:00PM on Thursday, December 29, 2022.

### **Public Hearing:**

Where any member of the public or any other interested person request a public hearing, and in the opinion of the Commission the request does not appear to be frivolous and vexatious, such public hearing will be held on January 5, 2023.

### **Viewing of Application for the Electricity Licence:**

Members of the public and all other interested parties may view the application along with associated information at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission or at the offices of **Hydro Maya Limited** at 11 C Street, King’s Park, Belize City.