

## **PUC Proposes to Grant Electricity Licence for Various Categories**

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is considering the issuance of **Licence to All Persons** (The "Electricity Licence") to provide electricity under the following categories:

- (a) **Minor Self-Generation and Supply** - refers to a class of licence that permits any off-grid person to generate electricity solely for their own use, with no authorization to sell or distribute electricity to others, and subject to a generation capacity threshold as defined by applicable Regulations.
- (b) **Minor Distributed Generation** - refers to a class of licence that permits any grid-connected person to generate electricity primarily for personal use, with the additional authorization to sell any excess electricity, subject to a generation capacity threshold as defined by applicable Regulations.
- (c) **Backup Generation and Supply** - refers to a class of licence that permits any person to:
  - (i) generate electricity as a backup facility in order to supply power whenever there is an interruption to its main electricity supply; or
  - (ii) installs energy storage systems of less than 1 MWe capacity, and if grid-connected, does not sell any electricity services to the utility.

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, the Electricity Licensing and Consent Regulations, 2024, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (The "Commission") hereby notifies the general public that it intends to issue a Licence to All Persons

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

- a) to simplify the licensing and registration process and to reduce the processing time;
- b) improving energy resilience by allowing backup generation for businesses, critical infrastructure and members of the public during grid outages;
- c) support prosumers integration of minor distributed generation of up to 2.5 kW<sub>e</sub> for residential premises and up to 25kW<sub>e</sub> for certain commercial premises.

### **Viewing of the Draft Licence:**

The Terms and Condition of the **Licence to All Persons** (The "Electricity Licence") can be viewed in its entirety on our website at <https://www.puc.bz/terms-and-condition-of-licence-to-all-person-of-various-categories/>

### **Representations and Objections:**

Directly affected parties and local authorities may submit **written representations and/or objections** to the proposal to grant the Electricity Licence by **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2025** to [info@puc.bz](mailto:info@puc.bz), or hand deliver at our office located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Marina Towers in Belize City.