



Public Notice

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PUC Proposes Electricity Licensing and Consent Regulations of 2026 to Replace Current S.I. 39

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby notifies the public of its intent to introduce enhancements to the Electricity Licensing and Consent Regulations (the "New S.I."), which will repeal and replace the current Regulations established under Statutory Instrument (S.I.) 39 of 2024 ("S.I. 39").

The New S.I. will retain key elements of S.I. 39 that support the continued integration of renewable energy into the national grid. The New S.I. will also introduce several important enhancements that improve outdated processes, and incorporate feedback received from applicants and other stakeholders.

Key changes include:

1. **Reclassification of Existing Licence Categories** – Revised definitions to better reflect the range of project sizes and services now emerging in the electricity sector.
2. **Introduction of New Licensing Categories** – New categories added to accommodate evolving technologies and business models.
3. **Streamlined Application and Renewal Procedures** – Large, complex projects will be reviewed within 90 days, while smaller and more simpler projects will only be required to register their activity with the Commission.
4. **Updated Fee Structure** – Fees have been updated to ensure consistency and fairness across Licence types, and aligned with the new streamlined process.

If adopted, these Regulations will allow any person currently licensed by the Commission to continue operating under their existing licence until it expires. Upon expiration of such licenses, licensees will be required to apply for a new licence under the Electricity Licensing and Consent Regulations of 2026.

The full draft of the proposed Regulations can be viewed at www.puc.bz or at our office located at Marina Towers, New Town Barracks in Belize City. Affected and interested parties are invited to submit written comments to info@puc.bz or mailed to P.O. Box 300, Belize City by 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, December 19, 2025**.