

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **Public Utilities Commission (PUC)**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Sections 7 and 13 of the Belize Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) hereby serves Notice this day, May 10, 2017, to the public that the Commission intends to make Electricity Byelaws with the approval of the Minister of Public Utilities to provide for the classification and granting of LICENSES and CONSENTS and for the INTERCONNECTION of power systems for persons authorized to generate, transmit and supply electricity under licenses granted by the Commission.

### **Proposed Byelaws:**

- i) ELECTRICITY (LICENSING AND CONSENT) BYELAWS, 2017 – Subject to the Electricity Act, these Byelaws shall govern the granting, modification, renewal, suspension and cancellation of Licenses and Consents in Belize, including for the generation and supply of electricity by persons to premises owned or occupied by such persons.
- ii) ELECTRICITY (INTERCONNECTION) BYELAWS, 2017 - Subject to the provisions of the Public Utilities Commission Act, the Electricity Act, any relevant subsidiary legislation made under these Acts and any licenses and consents granted by the Public Utilities Commission, these Byelaws shall govern the interconnection of power systems of licensed electricity services providers in Belize for the following purposes:
  - a) the provision of electricity services between licensees;
  - b) the transmission of electricity from one point to another point of a licensee’s power system on behalf of another licensee;
  - c) the transport of electricity to enable a licensee to supply electricity to a person within another licensee’s authorized area.

### **Reasons for Proposed Amendments:**

The Commission intends to make the proposed Byelaws to provide for the better implementation of the objectives and requirements of the Belize Electricity Act, promotion of competition in the generation and supply of electricity, introduction of available technologies for distributed generation of electricity, and for better regulation and control of the electricity sector in the public interest.

### **Viewing of Proposed Byelaws:**

The Proposed Byelaws may be viewed at:

- a) the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City;
- b) the offices of the Ministry of Public Utilities, Sir Edney Cain Building, City of Belmopan;
- c) all branch offices of the Belize Electricity Limited;
- d) [www.puc.bz](http://www.puc.bz).

### **Comments:**

Interested Parties, including licensees, and members of the public are invited to submit written comments on the Proposed Byelaws by June 9, 2017.

Comments may be made:

- a) in writing and delivered to the PUC at:  
Public Utilities Commission  
41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City  
P. O. Box 300
- b) by email to the Commission at:  
[info@puc.bz](mailto:info@puc.bz)