



PUBLIC NOTICE

ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER ACT



The public is invited to note that the Electric Light and Power Act 2013 (the Act) was proclaimed on May 4, 2015. The Electric Light and Power (Amendment) Act 2015 has also come into effect along with the Electric Light and Power (Fees) Regulations. This new legislation makes provision for the generation of electricity by Independent Power Producers as well as establishes a licensing system for the supply of electricity by such producers.

2. In accordance with Section 4 of the Act, the Electric Light and Power Advisory Committee has been established to advise the Minister on the award of licences and any matters related to the Act. The members of the Committee are:

- Ms. Tricia Watson, Attorney-at-Law – Chairman
- Mr. Michael Carrington, Accountant – Deputy Chairman
- Mr. George Nicholson, Engineer
- Dr. Winston Moore, Economist and UWI Lecturer
- Dr. Tom Rogers, UWI Lecturer in Renewable Energy
- Chief Town Planner, Town Planning Department
- Permanent Secretary, Division of Energy and Telecommunications, Prime Minister's Office
- Chief Electrical Officer, Government Electrical Engineering Department
- Chief Energy Conservation Officer, Division of Energy and Telecommunications, Prime Minister's Office

3. The public is advised as follows on the requirements of the licensing system:

- (i) A supplier is required to obtain a licence where their generation of electricity is for domestic purposes only and where the cumulative installed capacity of their system exceeds 5kW.
- (ii) A supplier is required to obtain a licence where their generation of electricity is for a purpose other than a domestic purpose and where the cumulative installed capacity of their system exceeds 25kW.

4. All suppliers of electricity whose electricity generation systems were connected to the public grid before May 4, 2015 are advised that:

- (i) Suppliers who require a licence will be offered an automatic licence where the following conditions are met:
 - (a) Suppliers from the date of this notice must register with the Division of Energy and Telecommunications by completing the relevant application form.

- (b) The application fee and the licence fee will be waived if registration is completed within three (3) months of the date of this notice.
- (c) The waiver of fees does not apply to the annual licence fee or renewal fee.
- (d) Licences issued to such registrants will be valid for a period of ten (10) years from the effective date of the licence.
- (e) All licences upon expiry will be renewed in accordance with the Act.
- (f) Suppliers who do not register within the stated three (3) month period will be required to apply for a licence by completing and submitting the appropriate application form to the Division of Energy and Telecommunications and will be required to pay all applicable fees.

5. All suppliers who have had their electricity generation systems approved by the Government Electrical Engineering Department (GEED) by way of an issued GEED inspection certificate before May 4, 2015 but whose systems are not connected to the public grid, will be offered a licence on the same basis as set out at paragraph (4) above.

6. Suppliers whose electricity generation systems have not been approved by GEED as of May 4, 2015 including those who were considered “approved” by the Barbados Light and Power Co. Ltd, will be required to apply to the Minister for a licence and will be required to comply with the applicable application process and to pay all relevant fees.

7. Suppliers who do not require licences but who have renewable energy systems installed must register their systems with the Division of Energy and Telecommunications, Prime Minister’s Office. This registration process will commence from the date of this notice by the completion of a simple registration form.

8. The relevant application forms may be collected from the Division of Energy and Telecommunications, Prime Minister’s Office, Trinity Business Centre, Country Road, St. Michael or downloaded from the web site www.energy.gov.bb from the date of this notice. All fees payable under the Act must be paid at the Division.

9. All queries may be directed to elpa@energy.gov.bb, faxed to 429-7489 or by telephoning 434-2505 Ext: 2541, 2553, 2556, 2582 or 2558.

10. The Division of Energy and Telecommunications, Prime Minister’s Office wishes to thank all the stakeholders for their invaluable input in the establishment of this new legislative regime for the energy sector.