BRIEF SUMMARY

Pursuant to the Electricity Act 2015, self-generators who do not wish to enter into a net billing arrangement or auxiliary connections arrangement may wish to connect to the grid for the purpose of electric power wheeling.

The Electricity Act defines Wheeling as “An arrangement whereby a self-generator provides electricity to the system on terms pursuant to which an equivalent amount of electricity may be used from the system at one or more locations, in accordance with this act and any regulations made hereunder.”

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The source of the generated electricity (be it renewable, alternative or conventional) is not material. However, self generators should be able to demonstrate that:

1. They are an existing customer of the Jamaica Public Service Company Limited (“JPS”);
2. They utilize the list of approved devices issued by the Bureau of Standards and comply with the technical specifications specified by the JPS and approved by the Office OF Utilities Regulation (“OUR”);
3. Have an annual average demand in excess of 1MVA; and
4. Generate electricity on a sustained basis so as to qualify as “firm capacity”, as defined in the Electricity Licence, 2016.

APPLICATIONS

Self generators desirous of connecting to the grid for electric power wheeling (not net billing nor auxiliary connections) should make an application to the Ministry with responsibility for Energy. The application form is available at www.mset.gov.jm; www.myjpsco.com; and www.our.org.jm.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

All electric power wheeling connections will require:
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1. **Open Disconnect Switches** - visible Open Disconnect Switches to isolate systems from the JPS at the entry and exit point locations; and

2. **Meters** – At the entry and exit point locations, the self generator may be required to have upgraded meters. At the entry point, the meter will be required to measure the flow of electricity in both directions. At the exit point(s), the meters will only be required to measure the electricity that is consumed by the self generator. All recommended meters are on the list of approved meters published by the Bureau of Standards Jamaica.

**Licence & Electric Power Wheeling Contracts**

Pursuant to the Electricity Act 2015, a licence is required where a self generator is desirous of connecting to the grid for electric power wheeling. An application may be made to the Ministry with responsibility for energy for a licence.

After the grant of a Licence, an agreement to govern the interconnection relationship between the self generator and the JPS will be required. This agreement, termed the Electric Power Wheeling Contract will be a standard document that contains provisions regarding the technical details and the rights and obligations of each party.

**Fees**

The applicant will be required to pay a non-refundable processing fee to the Ministry for the processing of the application for a Licence and if successful, the applicant will be required to pay a Licence Fee prior to the issue of the Licence. There is also to be a one-time Use of System charge that is to be paid to the JPS for the use of its grid, which is a regulated amount that is to be determined.