

AUXILIARY CONNECTION FACT SHEET

BRIEF SUMMARY

Pursuant to the Electricity Act 2015, self generators who do not wish to enter into a net billing arrangement or wheeling arrangement may wish to connect to the grid for other purposes, termed auxiliary connections. These auxiliary connections may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Stability:** where the power is being generated from a renewable energy generating system and power is required from the grid to stabilize frequency fluctuations; and
- **Top-up:** where the Self Generator is able to independently supply some of its load requirements but needs to supplement that with power from the grid at intervals.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- They are an existing customer of the Jamaica Public Service Company Limited ("JPS");
- They have obtained and installed one of the Bureau of Standards Jamaica approved blocking devices; and
- Obtained certification from the Licensed Electrical Inspectors.

APPLICATIONS

Self generators desirous of connecting to the grid for other purposes (not net billing or electric power wheeling) 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 auxiliary connections will require:

- Open Disconnect Switches - visible Open Disconnect Switches to isolate systems from the JPS;

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- **Meters** - an upgrade or replacement of meter. This meter will only record the electricity that is used by the self generator from the JPS. All recommended meters are on the list of approved meters published by the Bureau of Standards Jamaica; and
- **Blocking Devices** – a blocking device will be required and same should be approved by the Bureau of Standards Jamaica.

LICENCE & AUXILIARY CONNECTION CONTRACTS

Pursuant to the Electricity Act 2015, a licence is required where a self generator is desirous of connecting to the grid for auxiliary purposes. 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 Auxiliary Connection Contract will be a standard document that contains provisions regarding the technical details and the obligations of each party.

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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.