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Landmark achievement for PURC

June 17th 2021: Commissioners and staffers at the Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC) are this week celebrating what is being described as a landmark achievement for the Commission.

To date, the Commission through its Self- Generation (SG) Program, which was launch just two months ago, has secured the approval of eight permits for Grenadians, which allow them to generate their own Renewable Energy (RE) and sell any excess to the Grid (GRENLEC) with the permit being initially granted for fifteen (15) years. Permits can then berenewed, modified or extended.

The PURC was launched in 2019 as an independent body to regulate the public utility sector and protect the interests of consumers. At the outset, the electricity services fell under its governance, with one of the main objectives being a reduction in Grenada's reliance on fossil fuel through increased use of renewable resources to harness electricity.

This thrust was largely publicized during recent consultative engagements by the Commission which resulted in scores of Grenadians applying for the program.

According to the Consumer and Public Affairs Officer, Sophia Phillip, the Commission is expeditiously reviewing the applications; however, many are incomplete, thus hindering the process. To address the issue, the Engineers are reaching out to applicants to advise them on the additional necessary requirements which are needed to complete the process. They also encourage applicants to contact the PURC if there is a need for assistance.

One of the successful applicants, Michelle Peters, describes the permit as “the light at the end of the tunnel” and applauds the PURC for its patient and attentive guidance especially with the technical aspects of the process.



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Her first expectation is a reduction in her monthly electricity bill, one of the key benefits of the program.

The 12-month SG Program is expected in the first instance, to install up to 1 Megawatt of electrical capacity from renewable resources.

In looking forward to more successful applications, the PURC reiterates the call for mutual understanding and cooperation between the Commission and applicants to ensure a smoother “application to permit” process.

As the celebratory atmosphere continues, the PURC reassures all stakeholders of its commitment to maintaining the regulatory hallmarks of transparency, clarity and professionalism at all times.

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