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## **PURC launches two programs to promote Renewable Energy use**

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 : The Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC) today announced the launch of two programs that are geared at promoting the use of Renewable Energy in Grenada as the island continues its thrust to reduce the national reliance on fossil fuel.

The Commission was launched in 2019 as an independent regulator of public utilities and presently oversees the electricity sector.

CEO of the PURC, Dr. George Matthew says the programs fall under one of the functions of the PURC which is to provide an enabling environment for sustainable and secure electricity.

The two pilot programs are namely the Self-Generation program which targets persons who mainly harness electricity for their personal use and the Small Scale Independent Power Producer (IPP) Program which will see persons producing electricity mainly to sell to GRENLEC.

The Self-Generation program began on April 12 and will continue for a period of one year. It is expected to result in the generation of some 1 megawatt of electricity from natural resources which include sunlight, wind, and water, among others.

Engineer, Davrell Bhola anticipates that a significant number of Grenadians will apply to the PURC to participate in this program as the initial financial investment could be in the vicinity of \$XCD5000-6000 dollars.

The Small Scale Independent Power Producer (IPP) Program which will commence on May 12 is expected to see the generation of 2 megawatt of electricity to be sold to GRENLEC.