# DOMINICA ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED



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| Issuer Registration Number: DOMLEC30041975DM                 |
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| DOMINICA ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED                        |
| (Exact name of reporting issuer as specified in its charter) |
| DOMINICA   |
| (Territory or jurisdiction of incorporation)                 |
| P.O. BOX 1593, 18 CASTLE STREET, ROSEAU, DOMINICA            |

(Address of principal executive Offices)

(Reporting issuer's:

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QUARTERLY REPORT For the period ended September 30<sup>th</sup> 2015

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### 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### DOMINICA ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED UN-AUDITED BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

(expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

|                               | September<br>2015 | September<br>2014 | December<br>2014 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|                               | \$                | \$                | \$               |
| Assets                        |                   |                   |                  |
| Current assets                |                   |                   |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents     | 15,509,337        | 12,540,040        | 13,066,410       |
| Receivables and prepayments   | 15,498,423        | 17,171,423        | 17,139,207       |
| Inventories                   | 10,716,913        | 10,080,181        | 10,571,694       |
|                               | 41,724,672        | 39,791,644        | 40,777,311       |
| Capital work in progress      | 5,544,681         | 4,421,574         | 1,327,876        |
| Property, plant and equipment | 121,659,455       | 122,745,261       | 125,741,576      |
|                               | 168,928,808       | 166,958,479       | 167,846,763      |
| Liabilities                   |                   |                   |                  |
| Current liabilities           |                   |                   |                  |
| Borrowings                    | 5,014,231         | 4,739,420         | 4,807,897        |
| Accounts payable and accruals | 11,207,024        | 14,020,797        | 12,609,942       |
| Due to related party          | 0                 | 0                 | 38,889           |
| Income tax Payable            | 70,376            | 37,787            | 1,664,232        |
|                               | 16,291,631        | 18,798,004        | 19,120,960       |
| Borrowings                    | 27,893,226        | 32,907,234        | 31,678,123       |
| Deferred tax liability        | 19,283,505        | 20,631,627        | 17,394,576       |
| Other liabilities             | 12,767,130        | 12,503,297        | 12,653,723       |
| Capital grants                | 287,551           | 421,352           | 387,901          |
|                               | 76,523,043        | 85,261,514        | 81,235,283       |
| Shareholders' Equity          |                   |                   |                  |
| Share capital                 | 10,417,328        | 10,417,328        | 10,417,328       |
| Retained earnings             | 81,988,437        | 71,279,637        | 76,194,152       |
|                               | 92,405,765        | 81,696,965        | 86,611,480       |
|                               | 168,928,808       | 166,958,479       | 167,846,763      |
|                               |                   | <u>————</u>       |                  |

# DOMINICA ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED UN-AUDITED STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 (expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

|  | September<br>2015<br>\$ | September 2014<br>\$ | Year-to-Date 2015 | December 2014 |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Revenue  |                         |                      |                   |               |
| Energy sales                                   | 16,621,613              | 16,232,685           | 48,076,610        | 62,119,547    |
| Fuel surcharge                                 | 7,747,771               | 10,744,657           | 21,159,885        | 38,084,651    |
| Other revenue                                  | 111,997                 | 696,849              | 450,828           | 1,706,465     |
|  | 24,481,381              | 27,674,191           | 69,687,323        | 101,910,663   |
| Direct expenses                                |                         |                      |                   |               |
| Operating                                      | 3,175,854               | 3,926,032            | 11,516,512        | 13,754,245    |
| Maintenance                                    | 3,270,918               | 1,691,931            | 6,570,931         | 6,969,628     |
| Depreciation                                   | 2,198,998               | 2,178,896            | 6,907,861         | 8,842,281     |
| Fuel   | 9,905,277               | 12,563,151           | 26,741,029        | 45,062,560    |
|  | 18,551,047              | 20,360,009           | 51,736,333        | 74,628,714    |
|  |                         |                      |                   |               |
| Gross profit                                   | 5,930,334               | 7,314,182            | 17,950,990        | 27,281,949    |
| Administrative expenses                        | 1,936,518               | 1,685,731            | 6,047,692         | 7,979,442     |
| Net operating income                           | 3,993,816               | 5,628,451            | 11,903,298        | 19,302,507    |
| Other expenses/(income)                        |                         |                      |                   |               |
| Amortization of capital grants/deferred        | (134,577)               | (136,038)            | (408,456)         | (632,710)     |
| Foreign exchange losses/(gains)                | (6,725)                 | (10,887)             | 7,493             | (21,787)      |
| Loss/(Gain) on disposal of plant and equipment | 281,323                 | 392,352              | 773,202           | 1,094,020     |
|  | 140,021                 | 245,427              | 372,239           | 439,523       |
| Net income before finance charges,             | 3,853,795               | 5,383,024            | 11,531,059        | 18,862,984    |
| Finance charges                                | (516,034)               | (585,051)            | (1,589,325)       | (2,343,722)   |
| Net income before tax                          | 3,337,761               | 4,797,973            | 9,941,735         | 16,519,262    |
|  | 3,357,701               | 4,/7/,7/3            |                   |               |
| Income tax                                     | (801,778)               | (1,439,392)          | (2,584,851)       | (1,697,707)   |
| Net income/(loss) for the period               | 2,535,983               | 3,358,581            | 7,356,884         | 14,821,555    |
| Earnings/(loss) per share                      | 0.24                    | 0.32                 | 0.71              | 1.42          |

# DOMINICA ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED UN-AUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

(expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

|                                       | September 2015 | September<br>2014<br>\$ | Year-to-Date 2015 | December 2014 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Share capital                         |                |                         |                   |               |
| Ordinary shares, beginning and end of |                |                         |                   |               |
| period                                | 10,417,328     | 10,417,328              | 10,417,328        | 10,417,328    |
|                                       |                |                         |                   |               |
| Retained earnings                     |                |                         |                   |               |
| At beginning of period                | 79,452,454     | 67,921,056              | 76,194,152        | 64,601,969    |
| Net income/(loss) for the year        | 2,535,983      | 3,358,581               | 7,356,884         | 14,821,555    |
| Ordinary dividends (declared)         | 0              | 520,866                 | (1,562,599)       | (3,229,372)   |
| At end of period                      | 81,988,437     | 71,800,503              | 81,988,437        | 76,194,152    |
| Shareholders' equity, end of period   | 92,405,765     | 82,217,831              | 92,405,765        | 86,611,481    |

#### DOMINICA ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED UN-AUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

(expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

|  | September<br>2015<br>\$ | September<br>2014<br>\$ | Year-to-Date<br>September<br>\$ | December<br>2014<br>\$ |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities           |                         |                         |                                 |                        |
| Net income/(loss) before tax                   | 3,337,759               | 4,797,973               | 9,941,734                       | 16,519,262             |
| Adjustments for:                               | , ,                     | , ,                     | , ,                             | , ,                    |
| Depreciation                                   | 2,198,998               | 2,178,895               | 6,907,861                       | 8,842,281              |
| Loss/(Gain) on disposal of property, plant and |                         |                         |                                 |                        |
| equipment                                      | 281,323                 | 392,352                 | 773,202                         | 1,094,020              |
| Foreign exchange (gains)/Loss                  | -                       | -                       | -                               | (17,022)               |
| Provision for inventory obsolescence           | (400 =04)               | (400 505)               | (200.405)                       | 140,000                |
| Amortization of deferred revenue               | (102,701)               | (102,585)               | (308,105)                       | (498,909)              |
| Amortization of capital grants                 | (33,451)<br>516,034     | (33,451)<br>585,051     | (100,351)<br>1,589,325          | (133,801)<br>2,343,722 |
| Interest expense                               | 310,034                 | 363,031                 | 1,309,323                       | 2,343,722              |
| Operating profit before working capital        | 6,197,963               | 7,818,236               | 18,803,666                      | 28,289,553             |
| Decrease (Increase) in receivables and         | 38,731                  | 1,200,238               | 1,601,895                       | (555,704)              |
| Decrease/(increase) in inventories             | (33,953)                | 46,545                  | (145,218)                       | 102,187                |
| Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable and    | (3,392,601)             | (450,831)               | (1,402,916)                     | 455,995                |
| Increase/(decrease) in due to related party    |                         |                         | <u> </u>                        | 38,889                 |
| Cash generated from operations                 | 2,810,140               | 8,614,188               | 18,857,428                      | 28,330,920             |
| Interest paid                                  | (516,034)               | (585,051)               | (1,589,325)                     | (2,343,722)            |
| Income tax paid                                | (416,019)               | (783,251)               | (2,289,778)                     | (2,793,949)            |
| Net cash from operating activities             | 1,878,086               | 7,245,886               | 14,978,325                      | 23,193,249             |
| Cash flows from investing activities           |                         |                         |                                 |                        |
| Additions to capital work-in-progress          | (1,978,026)             | (834,715)               | (5,007,748)                     | (1,174,901)            |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment      | (893,694)               | (2,288,418)             | (2,812,999)                     | (8,869,634)            |
| equipment                                      | <u> </u>                | <u> </u>                | 5,000                           | 29,500                 |
| Net cash used in investing activities          | (2,871,720)             | (3,123,133)             | (7,815,747)                     | (10,015,035)           |
| Cash flows from financing activities           |                         |                         |                                 |                        |
| Repayment of borrowings                        | (1,206,472)             | (1,138,454)             | (3,578,563)                     | (4,539,355)            |
| Dividends paid                                 | (1,200,472)             | (1,130,434)             | (1,562,599)                     | (3,229,372)            |
| Increase in other non-current liabilities      | 250,493                 | 167,438                 | 421,512                         | 1,076,976              |
| increase in other non-current naomities        |                         |                         | 121,612                         | 1,070,270              |
| Net cash generated from/(used in) financing    |                         |                         |                                 |                        |
| activities                                     | (955,978)               | (971,016)               | (4,719,650)                     | (6,691,751)            |
| uouvidos                                       | (22,270)                | (>,1,010)               | (-,),000)                       | (0,071,101)            |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash       | (1,949,612)             | 3,151,737               | 2,442,928                       | 6,486,463              |
| period   | 17,458,948              | 9,388,302               | 13,066,410                      | 6,579,947              |
| F  | 2.,.23,210              | 2,200,202               | 22,030,110                      | 5,517,511              |
| Net cash and cash equivalents, end of period   | 15,509,337              | 12,540,039              | 15,509,337                      | 13,066,410             |

#### DOMINICA ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

#### **General Information**

Dominica Electricity Services Limited (the Company) was incorporated as a public limited liability company on April 30, 1975 and is domiciled in the Commonwealth of Dominica. The Company operates in a fully liberalised sector under the Electricity Supply Act of 2006. Under the Act an Independent Regulatory Commission is vested with broad regulatory oversight over all aspects of the energy sector. The Company's operations are regulated by this Commission. The principal activity of the Company includes the generation, distribution and transmission and supply of electricity.

The Company is listed on the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange and falls under the jurisdiction of the Eastern Caribbean Regulatory Commission.

Dominica Power Holdings Limited, a subsidiary of Emera (Caribbean) Incorporated, owns 52% of the ordinary share capital of the Company. In 2014 Light & Power Holdings Ltd changed its name to Emera (Caribbean) Incorporated. The ultimate parent of the Company is Emera Inc., an energy and services company registered in Canada.

The Dominica Social Security owns 21% of the ordinary share capital while 27% is held by the general public.

The registered office and principal place of business of the Company is located at 18 Castle Street, Roseau, Commonwealth of Dominica.

#### **Basis of preparation**

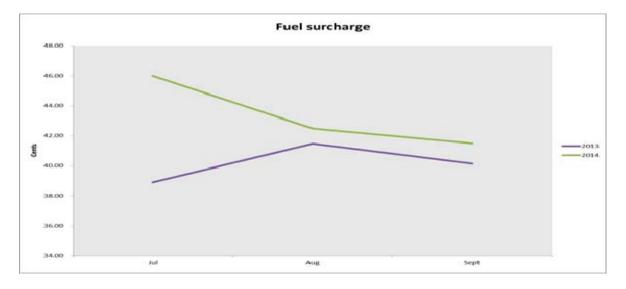
The financial statements of Dominica Electricity Services Limited have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are the same as those disclosed in Note 4 of the Financial Statement as at and for the year ended December 31, 2014.

# 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

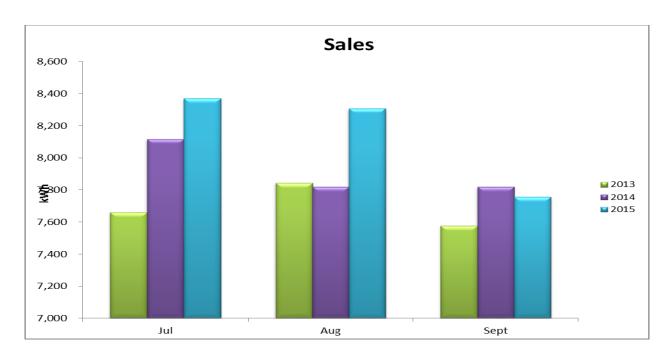
For the quarter ended September 30, 2015, the Company recorded net profit before taxes of EC\$3.34 million compared with EC\$4.79 million for the comparable period of 2014, a decrease of EC\$1.45 million or 30.3%.

Total revenue for the period was EC\$24.48 million, decreasing by 11.5% from EC\$27.67 million in gross revenue earned in 2014. This quarter revenue from electricity sales grew by 2.4% to \$16.62 million. However, there was a decline in revenue from fuel surcharge of EC\$2.9 million (27.9%). The average fuel surcharge rate for the quarter relative to the same period of 2014 moved from 43.32 cents to 30.05 cents per kWh due to the steady decrease in fuel prices. For the quarter fuel cost was EC\$9.9 million, a decrease of 26.8% from a year ago.

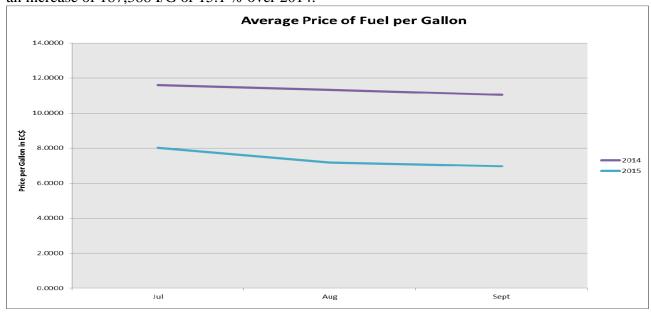


Total unit sales were up by 2.8% to 24.44 GWh from the same period last year. The growth in revenue from electricity sales has been driven by positive growth recorded in the key sectors. The Industrial and Commercial sectors recorded the most significant increases, growing by 7.07% and 2.79% respectively. Further, electricity sales to the Domestic sector have grown by 2.01% over last year, while the Hotel sector declined by 5.59%. Overall, sales growth at the end of this quarter was driven mainly by lower energy costs brought on by lower fuel prices and less self-generation by key customers.

Conversely, miscellaneous revenue recorded a decrease of EC\$0.58 million (83.9%), which was due to the payment received last year from the insurance company as settlement for the breakdown of one of the major diesel generating units.



Fuel costs for this quarter totalled EC\$9.90 million, a decrease of EC\$2.66 million (21.2%) from the comparable period of 2014. This is due largely to the decline in the price of fuel. There was an increase in diesel consumption; however the average price per imperial gallon moved from \$11.05 to \$6.97 at September 2015. A total of 1,244,592 imperial gallons of diesel was used in the generation of electricity, an increase of 187,388 I/G or 15.1 % over 2014.



Total energy produced was 27.48 GWh, an increase of 0.78 GWh or 2.8% from the comparable period last year. For this quarter, 81% of energy produced was from diesel generation, compared to 71% in 2013. Meanwhile, output from hydro generation declined by 48.4% to 5.22 GWh. The decreased hydro production resulted from lower rainfall when compared to the similar period of 2014 coupled with unavailability of the units at the Padu power station following the passage of TS Erika.

Direct expenses totalled EC\$18.55 million, a decrease of EC\$1.81 million. Fuel cost and operating expenses decreased by EC\$2.66 million and EC\$0.75 million respectively, while maintenance expenses increased by EC\$1.58 million when compared to last year.

The decline in fuel cost was mainly attributed to decrease in the price of fuel. The increase in maintenance cost was as a result of three overhauls done in the third quarter of 2015 compared with only one in the same period of 2014. Also included in 2015 maintenance cost was the cost of restoring the Transmission & Distribution lines due to damage caused by TS Erika.

| <b>Operating Highlights</b> | 2015   | 2014   |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Hydro generation (MWh)      | 5,219  | 7,746  |
| Diesel generation (MWh)     | 22,234 | 18,918 |
| Units sold (MWh)            | 24,436 | 23,755 |
| Fuel efficiency(kWh per IG) | 17.86  | 17.89  |
| System losses (MAT)         | 7.7%   | 8.1%   |

#### (a) Liquidity

Trade receivables (excluding unbilled sales) at the end of the third quarter stood at EC\$10.79 million compared to EC\$12.29 million at September 2014, a decrease of EC\$1.5 million. The main contributor to the decline was Government debt which totalled EC\$2.87 million, lower than last year by EC\$1.06 million. Government debts accounted for 26.6% of the total debt outstanding. The Commercial sector also represented a large portion of gross receivables at 42.7% and recorded a reduction of EC\$0.11 million when compared to last year. The average age of outstanding debt moved from 49 days at September 2014 to 47 days at the end of this quarter.

The company remains in a stable liquid position at the end of the third quarter of 2015.

#### (b) Capital Resources

The company has committed EC\$9.78 million to acquire fixed assets and has spent EC\$7.82 million to date. This capital expenditure was funded from internal sources.

#### (c) Financial Outlook

Electricity sales in the third quarter increased over the same period last year by 4.3%. At year end, sales growth is expected at 2.3% over 2014. The company continues to closely monitor fuel prices despite the decrease over the past three months. The Company will also continue to manage its spending for both operating and capital expenses. The Company expects continued profitability in the last quarter of the year and anticipates an EPS of at least EC\$0.62 cents for this fiscal year.

#### 3. DISCLOSURE OF RISK FACTORS

#### Financial Risks

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risks, credit risk, liquidity risk and underinsured risks. The Company's overall risk management policy is to minimize potential adverse effects on its financial performance and to optimize shareholders' value within an acceptable level of risk. There exists a Risk Management Plan in which all risks are identified and categorized according to level of impact and probability of occurrence. Actions to be taken to mitigate these risks are also contained within the Plan.

#### Market risk

- (i) Foreign exchange risk This is the potential adverse impact on the Company's earnings and economic value due to movements in exchange rates. Management has established a policy requiring the Company to manage its foreign exchange risk against their functional currency. To manage the foreign exchange risk arising from future commercial transactions and recognized assets and liabilities, the Company attempts to enter into transactions that are based largely in United States dollars.
- (ii) Cash flow interest rate risk As the Company has no significant interest-bearing assets, the Company's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates. The Company's interest rate risk arises from long-term borrowings and consumer deposits. Borrowings and deposits issued at variable rates expose the Company to cash flow interest rate risk. Similarly, such facilities issued at fixed rates expose the Company to fair value interest rate risk.
- iii) Price risk Commodity price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in commodity (copper, aluminum). Prices for these commodities are impacted by world economic events that dictate the levels of supply and demand. Management perceives that the risk is low as fluctuations in the past have been rare.

#### Credit Risk

Financial assets, which potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of bank deposits, available-for-sale financial assets and trade receivables. The Company's bank deposits are placed with high credit quality financial institutions. Trade receivables are presented net of provision for impairment of receivables. Credit risk with respect to trade receivables is limited due to the large customer base and their dispersion across different economic sectors. Management performs periodic credit evaluations of its customers' financial condition and does not believe that significant credit risk exists at September 2015.

#### Liquidity Risk

The Company currently settles its financial obligations out of cash and cash equivalents. The ability to do this relies on the Company collecting its accounts receivable in a timely manner and maintaining sufficient cash and cash equivalents in excess of anticipated financial obligations. To support the cash flow position, the Company has in place a planning and budgeting process to help determine the funds required to support the Company's normal operating and capital requirements. Management monitors the Company's liquidity reserve which comprises an undrawn borrowing facility to meet operational needs so that the Company does not break covenants (where applicable) on its borrowing facilities. Management monitors cash and cash equivalents, on the basis of expected cash flows and is of the view that the Company holds adequate cash and credit facilities to meet its short-term obligations.

#### **Competition from Geothermal Production**

The Government of Dominica has commenced exploration of the island's geothermal resource and has identified a French Consortium to build a geothermal power plant in the Roseau Valley. Discussions on the pertinent technical specifications and the development of a Power Purchase Agreement are currently ongoing. DOMLEC could potentially lose a major portion of its generation production to this project as Geothermal is expected to replace energy provided by the diesel power plants. To be able to accept this geothermal energy onto the grid, a 33kV transmission line must be constructed. As per its exclusive transmission, distribution and supply licence, DOMLEC is making the necessary preparations in that regard. The company is amenable to exploring partnerships with other stakeholders in the geothermal sector to ensure that DOMLEC and its customers benefit from the project.

#### **Regulatory Environment**

The company is currently engaged in a tariff review process which will determine the electricity rates for the next three years. The final decision on the company's proposal by the Independent Regulatory Commission may impact the company's level of profitability and shareholders' return.

#### 4. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA DOM HCV 165 of 2015

In the Matter of the Electricity Supply Act 10 of 2006

AND

In the Matter of the Transmission, Distribution and Supply Licence issued by the Independent Regulatory Commission to Dominica Electricity Services Limited

**AND** 

In the Matter of the Petition of the Dominica Electricity Services Limited for reconsideration of the decision of the Independent Regulatory Commission identified in Decision Documents Weighted Average Cost of Capital for Dominica Electricity Services Limited (Document Reference 2015/001/D)

BETWEEN:

DOMINICA ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED Claimant AND

# INDEPENDENT REGULATORY COMMISSION Defendant

The Claimant, Dominica Electricity Services Limited, pursuant to condition 17.2 of the Transmission, Distribution and Supply Licence Document Reference number 2012/003/D, sections 23,40, 41 and 43 of the Electricity Supply Act 2006 No. 10 of 2006 and Rule 8.2 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure Document Reference No. 2008/004/D as amended by the Amendment to Miscellaneous Rules Consequent on the Grant of New Licences to DOMLEC Document Reference No. 2013/001/D, appealed the decision of the Defendant, the Independent Regulatory Commission, on the reconsideration of its 8 part decision regarding the Weighted Average Cost of Capital to be applied to DOMLEC's regulated asset base at the ensuing tariff review.

The matter came up for hearing on September 24<sup>th</sup> and was adjourned to October 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 for report by the parties.

#### 5. CHANGES IN SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS.

None

#### 6. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES.

There has been no default on the payment of securities during the period under review.

# 7. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

None

## Number of Outstanding Shares

| CLASS  | NUMBER     |
|--------|------------|
| Common | 10,417,328 |
|        |            |

#### **SIGNATURES**

| Name of Chief Executive Officer: | Name of Director:    |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Bertilia McKenzie                | Grayson Stedman      |
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| Signature Ochler 30 20 15        | Signature 30/10/2075 |
| Date )                           | Date / /             |
| Name of Financial Controller:    |                      |
| Marvelin Etienne                 |                      |
| Whene                            |                      |
| Signature                        |                      |
| October 30 1 2015                |                      |
| Date                             |                      |