

BELIZE:

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2024

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Citation.
2. Repeal and replacement of regulation 19.
3. Negative resolution.

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 153 of 2024

REGULATIONS made by the Public Utilities Commission, with the approval of the Minister responsible for public utilities, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 55 of the Public Utilities Commission Act, Chapter 223 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 11th December, 2024).

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

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and shall be read and construed as one with the Public Utilities Commission (Request for Proposals) Regulations, which, are hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

S.I. 137 of 2024.

2. Regulation 19 of the principal Regulations is repealed and replaced with the following—

Amendment of regulation 19.

“Emergency situations and Emergency Orders

19.—(1) The Commission, after consultation with the Minister and with the approval of the Cabinet, may declare, in the public interest, that an emergency situation has arisen beyond the reasonable control of Belize.

(2) In the event that the Commission declares in the public interest that an emergency situation has arisen beyond the reasonable control of Belize in accordance with sub-regulation (1), the Commission may also make such Emergency Orders as it

considers reasonably necessary to direct and govern procurement of required generation services by the Single Buyer to address the emergency.

(3) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1) and (2), the Commission, after consultation with the Minister and with the approval of the Cabinet, shall declare that an emergency situation has arisen beyond the reasonable control of Belize if, in relation to generation services, the Single Buyer provides written notice to the Commission and the Government that there will arise, within a period of twelve months, a material shortfall in generation services.

(4) Where an emergency situation is declared in accordance with sub-regulation (1), or in accordance with sub-regulation (3), the Single Buyer may undertake emergency generation procurement under authority of this regulation without regard to the other provisions of these Regulations.

(5) In the event that the Commission declares that an emergency situation has arisen beyond the reasonable control of Belize in accordance with sub-regulation (3), the Single Buyer shall provide to the Commission and the Minister written notice of the terms and conditions of the proposed emergency generation procurement.

(6) The Single Buyer shall proceed to undertake emergency generation procurement in accordance with the terms and conditions fixed by an Emergency Order promulgated in accordance with sub-regulation (1), or, in

the event that notice of a proposed emergency procurement is given in accordance with sub-regulation (4), in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the emergency generation procurement proposal but, in either case, subject to such amendments thereto as the Minister may, after consultation with the Commission, and with the approval of the Cabinet, direct, provided that it is a term of the emergency procurement that the required generation services must be provided within 12 months or less from the date of the procurement or within such additional time as is reasonably practicable.”.

3. These Regulations are subject to negative resolution.

Negative resolution.

MADE by the Public Utilities Commission this 11th day of December, 2024.



(MR. DEAN MOLINA)

Chairperson

Public Utilities Commission

APPROVED by the Minister responsible for public utilities this 11th day of December, 2024.



(HON. MICHEL CHEBAT)

Minister of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics & E-Governance

(Minister responsible for public utilities)