



## FAIR TRADING COMMISSION

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BARBADOS

NO. FTCUR/ORD/BLPCDP/2022-01

IN THE MATTER of the Fair Trading Commission Act, CAP.326B of the Laws of Barbados;

AND IN THE MATTER of the Utilities Regulation Act, CAP.282 of the Laws of Barbados;

AND IN THE MATTER of the Utilities Regulation (Procedural) Rules, 2003 and the Utilities Regulation (Procedural) (Amendment) Rules, 2009;

AND IN THE MATTER of the Application for a review of Depreciation Rates and approval of the Depreciation Policy by the Barbados Light & Power Company Limited.

**BEFORE:**

Mrs. Tammy Bryan

Mr. John Griffith

Ms. Ruan Martinez

Mr. Samuel Wallerson

Dr. Simon Naitram

Chairman

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ORDER

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UPON READING the Application filed by the Barbados Light & Power Company Limited (“BLPC” or the “Applicant”) on April 30, 2019 for the Review of BLPC’s Depreciation Rates and the approval of a Depreciation Policy, pursuant to Section 16 of the Utilities Regulation Act Cap 282 of the Laws of Barbados (the “URA”);

AND UPON READING AND CONSIDERING the written submissions of the Applicant; the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources (presently known as the Ministry of Energy and Business Development); the Barbados Renewable Energy Association; and the Commission’s own research.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: -**

1. The Straight-line Method and Remaining Life techniques used by the Applicant in the determination of the asset lives of the Transmission and Distribution Plant and the General Plant are approved;
2. The Net Salvage Rates as determined by the Applicant for the Transmission and Distribution Plant and the General Plant are approved;
3. The Transmission and Distribution Rates and the General Plant Rates derived from asset service lives calculated in the Depreciation Rate Study dated December 31, 2017 submitted by the Applicant (adjusted for December 31, 2019), as follows, are approved:

*Depreciation Rates by Plant type*

<b>Plant Type</b>	<b>2019 Update Depreciation Rates</b>
<b>Transmission &amp; Distribution</b>	3.10%
<b>General</b>	4.09%

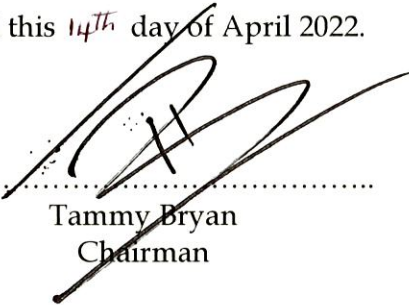
4. The Depreciation Rates requested by the Applicant for the Generation Plant, as follows, are not approved:

*Depreciation Rates by Plant Type*

Plant Type	2019 Update Depreciation Rates
Generation	3.52%

5. The Applicant is at liberty to seek approval of Depreciation Rates for the Generation Plant in the Application for a Review of Electricity Rates submitted by the Applicant pursuant to Section 16 of the URA on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (the “ongoing Rate Review Application”), in accordance with the Utilities Regulation (Procedural) Rules, 2003 (as amended).
6. The Depreciation Rates approved by the Commission herein shall become effective, concurrent with the rates to be approved on the effective date ordered in the ongoing Rate Review Application.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.



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Tammy Bryan  
Chairman



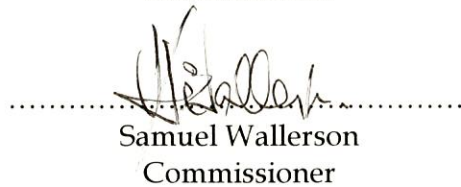
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