



# **N O T I C E**

## **FAIR TRADING COMMISSION**

### **Consultant Database**

The Fair Trading Commission is an independent regulatory body, established by the Fair Trading Commission Act 2000-31 to enforce the Utilities Regulation Act 2000-30 and any laws related to consumer protection and fair competition which the Commission has jurisdiction to administer.

The Commission is in the process of establishing a Consultant Database, to be used to assist the Commission in identifying persons with legal, economic, financial and engineering expertise and experience in the following areas:

- Utility regulation generally, telecommunications, electricity, natural gas, water and sewerage;
- Fair competition/antitrust; and
- Consumer law and policy.

Expertise will also be required with respect to organisational development and capacity building.

The Consultant Registration package may be collected from the offices of the Fair Trading Commission.

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### **1. Background**

The Fair Trading Commission was established as a statutory corporation on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2001 by the Fair Trading Commission Act 2001-31.

The Commission's functions include:

- establishing the principles and formulae for setting utility rates
- determining the rates to be charged by utility companies
- monitoring the rates to ensure compliance
- setting the service standards to be followed by utility companies
- receiving and evaluating consumer complaints regarding billings and the standards of service supplied by utility companies
- educating and assisting consumers in resolving complaints
- investigating businesses thought to be engaging in anti-competitive business practices

In carrying out its functions, the Commission balances the interests of consumers and those of the utility companies.

The service providers presently regulated by the Commission are Cable & Wireless (Barbados) Limited and Barbados Light & Power Company Limited. It is expected that in due course the Barbados Water Authority and the National Petroleum Corporation will fall under the Commission's regulatory ambit.

The Commission will also be required to enforce proposed competition and consumer legislation, and will have certain duties with responsibilities under the new Telecommunications Act 2001-36.

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Interested persons should complete the attached Consultant Registration Form. Further details including curriculum vitas may be attached to the forms.

The Commission is not bound to utilise the services of any consultant registered in the consultant database.