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Dear Sir,

I write on behalf of CARITEL to respond to the Barbados Light & Power Company's proposed Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for Distributed Generators over 500 kw.

Although it is understood the PPA document was submitted to the Fair Trading Commission (FTC) in 2016 the public submission has caught stakeholders, including installers and prospective investors in renewable energy by surprise. Though dated March 9th, 2018 on the FTC's website it should be noted the ordinary citizens might not check this site on a regular basis. Members of our society no longer buy newspapers on a daily basis as noted by declining sales and lay-offs.

While the Commission may have dispatched its duties with regard to publicity of this document the awareness of it to the public would have been limited.

At an urgently-called meeting of renewable energy stakeholders on April 13th the following issues were noted :

The proposal is dated and in need of revision given changes in the industry as well as inherent costs and equipment developments.

There is inadequate time to respond to a document of this granular scope.

There are several unclear issues and questionable recommendations which a meeting with Barbados Light & Power would hopefully clarify.

There is a need for a public consultation on the recommendations which should follow a meeting with the regulated company.

CARITEL suggests many in the industry are unaware of the document despite efforts to publicise its contents.

In light of the above, it is the recommendation of CARITEL that the document be withdrawn and where relevant amended, that CARITEL and other stakeholders be allowed to meet with Barbados Light & Power Company Ltd to clarify details and following this a public Town Hall is held capture the contributions of the general public.

In any event, the deadline of under a week is inadequate for any rigorous attempt to be made with a view to making recommendations to the proposed Power Purchase Agreement.

Yours respectfully,



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