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Two New Deputy Directors General Appointed to OUR

(KINGSTON, Jamaica; 2019 February 22): The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) is pleased to announce the appointments of two new Deputy Directors General: Cedric Wilson and Cheryl Lewis. They were appointed by the Prime Minister, the Most Honourable Andrew Holness, upon the recommendation of the Office, to serve for three-year terms. The appointments took effect 2019 February 1.

Ms. Lewis and Mr. Wilson join Maurice Charvis in the post, bringing the total number of Deputy Directors General at the OUR to three.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Wilson served as Director of Regulation, Policy, Monitoring and Enforcement at the OUR, the most recent of several positions he has served in since joining the organization in 2004. An Economist, Mr. Wilson has 25 years' experience working in the electric utility industry. He was employed at the Jamaica Public Service Company Limited as Tariff Specialist and General Manager of Corporate Planning for over 10 years and worked as a Regulatory Consultant in the electricity and water sector for some 15 years.

Mr. Wilson has undertaken work in several countries across the Caribbean. Notably, he was project manager for the CARICOM renewable energy study in 2009, and tariff consultant to the Eastern Caribbean Energy Regulatory Authority Project in 2016. Additionally, he has collaborated with the Public Research Utility Centre (PURC), University of Florida, USA, in the delivery of a regulatory seminar in Africa and is a regular speaker at PURC's biannual conference on utility regulation.

Mr. Wilson also lectures in Economics on the MBA programme at the Mona School of Business and Management, UWI, Mona. He has written numerous articles for the Jamaica Gleaner and has a publication in the Journal of Management Policy and Practice on strategic management. He holds a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree in Economics and Management, as well as a Master of Science (MSc) degree in Economics from the University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona. He is a past student of Ardenne High School.

Ms. Lewis joined the OUR as Deputy General Counsel in October 2010 and has served as General Counsel to the OUR for the last six years prior to her appointment.

During her tenure at the OUR, she has provided leadership and effective representation locally and internationally. Notably, Ms. Lewis has been at the centre of, and has played a pivotal role in, discussions, negotiations and planning for the successful introduction of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) in the electricity sector and the development of the associated infrastructure in Jamaica. She has also delivered special lectures internationally on Jamaica's experience with LNG.

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Prior to joining the OUR, Ms. Lewis worked as Counsel in the Attorney General's Chambers for 15 years where she served in various capacities including as Assistant Attorney-General in Litigation, Divisional Director of General Legal Advice and Divisional Director of the Commercial Affairs Division.

She is a British Chevening Scholar (2001) and holds a Master of Laws (LLM) in International Business Law from the University of Manchester, England, a Legal Education Certificate (LEC) from the Norman Manley Law School, Jamaica and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of the West Indies, Barbados.

She has taught courses on topical legal and policy matters. Ms. Lewis is also a member of the Jamaican Bar Association and is a past student of the Montego Bay High School.

In congratulating Ms. Lewis and Mr. Wilson, Director General, Ansord Hewitt says the appointments augur well for the development of the OUR and the work it has to do. "This will be particularly helpful to me in streamlining the activities of the OUR and allowing more options with respect to assigning leadership responsibilities for the sectors and activities we regulate. It also demonstrates the OUR's commitment to ensuring that it is well equipped to meet the evolving and growing demands of all of its stakeholders."

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