

NATIONAL UTILITIES REGULATORY COMMISSION (NURC)
NURC NOTICE NO. 1 OF 2022

Amendment to Licensing Procedure to be utilized for the licensing and Regulation of Electricity from renewable Resources pursuant to Section 5 of the Electricity Supply (Amendment) Act No. 2 of 2016.

The National Utilities Regulatory Commission (NURC) has approved the amendments below to the Application Procedure for Solar PV generation as contained in NURC Notice 1 of 2016 ("the Principal Notice).

Copies of the procedures, this amendment and relevant application forms are available from the offices of the National Utilities Regulatory Commission, located at Desir Avenue, Sans Souci, Castries.

Please be guided accordingly.

Dated: April 22, 2022



Lawrence Nervais
Chairman

**Application Procedure for
Solar PV Generation**

Insertion of Definition

1. The definitions section of the Principal Notice is amended by inserting the following definition in its correct alphabetical position;

"Special Application PV System means an application to install a solar PV generator which exceeds the current PV system capacity limits."

Amendment to Preamble

2. The preamble to the procedure of the Principal Notice is amended by deleting the preamble in its entirety and by substituting the following–

“A person wishing to connect a PV System (not exceeding 5kWp for residential usage, and not exceeding 25kWp for commercial usage) or a Special Application PV System to the LUCELEC grid to provide solar PV generation shall not purchase and/or install ANY equipment prior to receiving approval from the NURC.

Persons applying for NURC approval to generate electricity through a solar PV System or a Special Application PV System are hereby asked to note that by virtue of their compliance with the process hereunder, agree that upon passage of the requisite legislation to govern solar PV generation, that they will be required to comply with these legislative requirements (when passed in Parliament) and that nothing herein will be binding on the NURC or LUCELEC nor will the NURC or LUCELEC be liable for any loss or damage howsoever arising to them by virtue of this process or the change in legislation.”

Amendment to clause 1

3. The Principal Notice is amended by deleting Clause 1 and by substituting the following–

“1. A Person (hereinafter referred to as the “Applicant”) wishing to generate electricity through a solar PV system by interconnecting its system to the LUCELEC grid, shall submit to the NURC a formal application for approval (in the prescribed form) duly signed, along with payment of an application fee as follows:

Domestic – EC\$200.00
Commercial – EC\$500.00
Special – EC\$2,000.00”

Insertion of clause 3A

4. The Principal Notice is amended by inserting the following–

“3A. For applications made pursuant to the Special Application PV System process, the Applicant shall include written justification for making the

special application and submissions to the NURC supporting the granting of a special application in accordance with this Notice.”

Amendment to clause 7

5. The Principal Notice is amended by deleting Clause 7 and by substituting the following–

“7. Within five (5) working days of receipt by the NURC of a properly submitted application for a PV System, a copy of the completed Application Form and all requisite documentation shall be sent to LUCELEC for consideration.”

Insertion of clause 7A

6. The Principal Notice is amended by inserting the following–

“7A. (1) Upon receiving a properly submitted application for a Special Application PV System, the NURC shall consider the application on the following relevant grounds:

- (i) National Significance
- (ii) Socio-Economic benefit

(2) Upon determination by the Commission that the Special Application PV System has met the criteria, a copy of the completed Application Form and all requisite documentation, including written justification for the approval of the application by the NURC shall be sent to LUCELEC for interconnection.”

Insertion of clause 7B

7. The Principal Notice is amended by inserting the following –

“7B. The Commission may utilize the assistance of an Advisory Committee, pursuant to Section 15 of the NURC Act 2016 to review such applications before consideration by the Board of Commissioners. Only approved applications will be submitted to LUCELEC for interconnection.”



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