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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION Guyana

## 5th OOCUR Annual Conference

7-9 November, 2007

*Buddy's International Hotel, Guyana*

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### PROGRAMME

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

Delegates Arrive/Hotel check in  
Conference Registration (6:00pm-7:00pm)

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Morning

8:00- 9:00 Conference Registration

9:00 –10:00

OPENING CEREMONY

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| 9:00-9:05  | <i>Introductions:</i>   | Rita Persaud-Kong, Secretary General of OOCUR   |
| 9:05-9:15  | <i>Welcome:</i>         | Justice Prem Persaud, Chairman Public Utilities Commission Guyana & Secretary/Treasurer of OOCUR              |
| 9:15-9:30  | <i>Opening Remarks:</i> | Professor Dennis Pantin, Chairman of OOCUR & Chairman Regulated Industries Commission (RIC) Trinidad & Tobago |
| 9:30-10:00 | <i>Feature Address:</i> | His Excellency the President of the Republic of Guyana, Honourable Bharat Jagdeo                              |

10:00 –10:30

~Break~

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

### Energy/Electricity

- 10:30-11:00      **“Trends in Fuel Efficiency, Renewable and Demand Side Management in the U.S”**  
***Presenter:* Commissioner Ted Boyer of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Utah a Member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) U.S.A**
- 11:00-11:10      *Discussion*
- 11:10-11:40      **“System Losses: The Socio-Economic Causes”**  
***Presenter:* Mr. Cedric Wilson MSc Economics (UWI), Economic Consultant of Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) & Lecturer U.W.I (Mona) Jamaica**
- 11:40-11:50      *Discussion*
- 11:50-12:20      **"Smart Metering Practices and Customer Management for Efficient Electricity Use"**  
***Presenter:* Mr. Matt Dhillon, Director Marketing of Distribution Control Systems Inc. (DCSI)**
- 12:20-12:30      *Discussion*
- 12:30-1:30      *~Lunch~*
- 1:30-2:00      **“What is the Role of the Caribbean Utility Regulators in Terms of Sustainable Development?”**  
***Presenter:* Mr. Duane A. Rowe, Engineer, Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) Jamaica, Pursuing MPhil Engineering at University of Cambridge United Kingdom**
- 2:00-2:10      *Discussion*
- 2:10-2:40      **“The Role of Community Based Electricity Supply Initiatives for Sustainable Development”**  
***Presenter:* Mr. Carl A. Duncan, Electrical Engineer & Commissioner of the Independent Regulatory Commission (IRC) of Dominica**
- 2:40-2:50      *Discussion*
- 2:50-3:20      **“Rural Electrification Concessions with Photovoltaic: Lessons Learned and Conditions for Replication in Caribbean Countries”**  
***Presenter:* Dr Xavier Lemaire, Research Fellow, Centre for Management under Regulation, Warwick Business School, United Kingdom**
- 3:20-3:30      *Discussion*
- 3:30-3:45      *~Break~*
- 3:45-4:15      **“Solar Energy as Alternative Energy Sources for Rural Communities- the Case of Trinidad and Tobago”**  
***Presenter:* Ms. Dianne Rampadarath, Economist & Tariff Analyst of the Regulated Industries Commission (RIC) Trinidad & Tobago**
- 4:15-4:25      *Discussion*
- 4:25-4:55      **“Power Purchase Agreements”**  
***Presenter:* Dr. Paul M. Sotkiewicz, Director of Energy Studies, Public Utility Research Center (PURC), University of Florida**
- 4:55-5:05      *Discussion*

~End of first day Sessions~

7:30 pm

~Welcome Reception~



