



6th OOCUR Annual Conference
5-7 November, 2008
Belize

Theme: “Towards a Common Utility Regulatory Framework in the Caribbean”

~CALL FOR PAPERS ~

One Page Abstract - Submission Deadline: August 22, 2008
(Include short CV with your abstract)

OOCUR invite submissions of papers on the theme “Towards a Common Utility Regulatory Framework in the Caribbean” and in particular on the topics listed below:

Regulatory & Institutional Framework

- Institutional & Framework Development in Utility Regulation in the Caribbean
- Judicial Reviews of Utility Regulation
- Utility Regulatory Independence and its Challenges
- Challenges to State Owned Monopoly Utility in a Regulatory Environment
- Challenges to Regulating a Competitive Market

Telecommunications & ICT

- Interconnection
- Competition
- Universal Service
- Narrow and Broadband Access
- Convergence in Telecommunications
- Mobility and Information Technology
- Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP)

Electricity

- Issues of Unbundling/Deregulation
- Fuel Efficiency in Generation
- Funding Capital Expenditure
- Renewable/Alternative Energy Sources
- Systems Losses
- Funding New Supply Development

Water & Wastewater

- Private Sector Participation/Water as a Business in the Caribbean
- Service Levels
- Social Considerations
- Unaccounted for Water (UFW) Management
- Watershed Management
- Water Metering
- Benchmarking/Performance Indicators

Stakeholders Interests

- Stakeholders Participation in the Utility Regulatory Process
- Consumer's Voice, Advocacy, the Public Counsel and Representation
- Communications in a Utility Regulatory Environment
- Utility Regulators' Role in Consumer Education

Paper Submission Guidelines

Abstracts: one page specifying topic, name of presenter and including short CV

Paper: typed on Microsoft Word, Times New Roman, font size 12 and sent by email attachment

Presentation: paper presentation time is 20 minutes including optional Power Point

Publication: papers will appear in OOCUR/CRRC publications

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Notification of Abstract Acceptance: August 29, 2008

Paper Submission Deadline: October 10, 2008 and No Paper–No Podium will apply

Presenters are exempted from payment of Conference Registration fee

Submit Abstract and Paper to: secretariat@oocur.org or Rita2247@yahoo.com Mailing Address: OOCUR Secretariat c/o RIC, Furness House, Corner Wrightson Road & Independence Square, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, Tel. (868) 742-1092, (868) 627-0503 & Fax: (868) 624-2027 or c/o PUC, 164 Church Street Georgetown, Guyana Tel: (592) 227-3293, **website:** <http://www.oocur.org>