



**2<sup>nd</sup> OOCUR Seminar**  
**28-29 June 2006**  
**Georgetown, Guyana**

Colleagues,

The Organisation of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OOCUR) and Co-Host the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) of Guyana are pleased to invite you to attend and participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> OOCUR Seminar which will be held at the Le Meridien Pegasus Hotel Georgetown, Guyana on 28-29 June 2006.


This Seminar is a two day programme on "*Judicial Review of Utility Regulatory Actions and Decisions in the Caribbean*".

The objective of the Seminar is to review, acquaint and assist in understanding the relevance and importance of legal issues in the functioning of utility regulatory bodies. The Seminar would be of interest to staff of regulatory bodies, Commissioners of these bodies, Government Ministries involved in policy setting for utility regulatory bodies, regulated entities, student and persons interested in utility regulation in the Caribbean.

OOCUR invites your Regulatory Agency and other parties to present and/or participate in this Seminar and we look forward to seeing you in Georgetown, Guyana on 27-28 June 2006.

Enclosed is Call for Papers, Program Outline, Venue Information, Hotel Reservation Form and OOCUR Registration Form which would assist you in planning your participation.

**Please indicate your intention to participate by 22nd May, 2006**

  
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## **2<sup>nd</sup> SEMINAR**

**Theme: “Judicial Review of Utility Regulatory Actions and Decisions in the Caribbean”**  
**28-29 June, 2006 Guyana**  
**~CALL FOR PAPERS ~**

OOCUR invites submission of papers on the theme “Judicial Review of Utility Regulatory Actions and Decisions in the Caribbean” and in particular on the following topics:

- ~ Appeals’ Processes in Utility Regulation
- ~ Review of Court decisions for and against Utility Regulators
- ~ What is Judicial Review of Administrative Action?
- ~ Consultation and the Right to be heard
- ~ Case Study of a court decision on Judicial Review in Utility Regulation
- ~ Enforcement Measures of decisions of the Utility Regulators
- ~ Any other paper relevant to the Theme

### ***Paper Submission Guidelines***

#### **Abstract:**

Abstract must not be more than one side of one page and it must have the following parts:  
-Topic area specified and brief description with name of Presenter/Author  
-Include a CV with your abstract

#### **Paper:**

##### **Format and Size**

-All papers should be typed on Microsoft Word, font size 12 and sent by email attachment

##### **Presentation**

-All speakers are allowed 10-20 minutes each for presentation of their paper  
-Multi media and facilities would be available for Power Point Presentations

**One Page Abstract - Submission Deadline: May 4, 2006**

**Notification of Acceptance of Abstract: May 5, 2006**

**Paper Submission deadline: June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006. No Paper–No Podium will apply**

**Submit** Abstract and Paper to [rita2247@yahoo.com](mailto:rita2247@yahoo.com) or [persaudkongr@ric.org.tt](mailto:persaudkongr@ric.org.tt) Address:  
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Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, Tel. (868) 742-1092, (868) 625-5384 or (868) 624-9168 or  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> OOCUR Seminar**  
**Co -Host: Public Utilities Commission of Guyana**  
**June 28-29, 2006**  
**~Programme Outline~**

**Theme** “*Judicial Review of Utility Regulatory Actions and Decisions in the Caribbean*”

***Track A***

- Principles of Judicial review of administrative action
- Principles of Ultra Vires
- Principles of Natural Justice
- Principles of Consultation

***Track B***

**Review and Appeal Processes in Utility Regulation**

A description of the Judicial Review, Appeal and other processes by which the Courts could review the decision of the Utility Regulators in the Caribbean and specifically such review and appeal processes from the decisions of the:

- ~Public Utilities Commission, Bahamas
- ~Fair Trading Commission, Barbados
- ~Public Utilities Commission, Belize
- ~Regulated Industries Commission, Trinidad & Tobago
- ~Office of Utilities Regulation, Jamaica
- ~Public Utilities Commission, Guyana
- ~Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL)
- ~Public Service Commission of U.S Virgin Islands

***Track C***

**Case Studies in the Caribbean**

- ~Review of Court decisions for and against Utility Regulators in the Caribbean
- ~Case study on Consultation and the Right to be heard
- ~Case study on Judicial Review of Administrative Action
- ~Case study on an appeal on the merits of the Utility Regulators decision
- ~Case Study of a Court decision on Judicial Review in Utility Regulation
- ~Case study on Enforcement Measures of decisions of the Utility Regulators

**Any other case study or topic relevant to the theme**



## WELCOME TO GUYANA

### Dear Visitor

As a guest, visitor or participant in the OOCUR seminar, co-hosted by the Public Utilities Commission, and being held for the first time in Guyana, we take this opportunity to welcome you to the beautiful Republic of Guyana, known throughout the world for its warm hospitality. Guyana, in local native Indian language means, 'land of many waters'—reflecting the many rivers that criss- cross its vast area.



Formerly British Guiana, Guyana gained its independence on the 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1966 and covers an area of 83,000 square miles on the South American continent. Of that, a vast area of its landscape comprises virgin rain forests and to a lesser extent savannah land. The population is approximately just under 700,000 persons with the majority of the population living on the coastal region of this vast country, and urban Guyanese, settled in the Capital City of old Colonial Georgetown.

Guyana was first discovered by European explorers at the very end of the 16th century, and it was the Dutch that subsequently began to build permanent settlements here in 1621,

and shortly thereafter African slaves arrived in this new colony. Indians and the Chinese were to follow and along with the Indigenous population, make up the *pot pourri* of Guyanese today.

Over the next few centuries, Guyana history was punctuated by battles fought and won, possessions lost and regained, as the Spanish, French, Dutch and British wrangled for centuries to own this land.

Guyana is a land of great promises as it has many natural resources, including large tropical hardwood forests, plentiful fish and shrimping grounds, and a wide variety of mineral deposits, including gold, diamonds and semi-precious stones.

The country's natural attractions, however, are impressive, unspoiled and on a scale that dwarfs human endeavor. Guyana has immense falls, vast tropical rainforest and savanna teeming with wildlife. Guyana is touted as one of the major eco-tourism destinations of the future.

## The Capital City

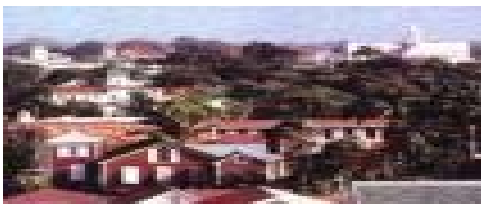


Georgetown, formerly Dutch and British colonization, made an indelible mark on Guyana, leaving behind a fading colonial capital, a volatile mix of peoples and a curious political geography. The city was originally called Land of the Poopies when the [Dutch](#) controlled the region. The settlement gained permanence during a period of [French](#) control when the first paved street, Brickdam, was built. It was renamed Georgetown in [1812](#) in honour of [King George III](#), after the [British](#) occupied the colony and gained official city status on Aug 24, 1842 during the reign of Queen Victoria. In [1945](#) a large fire (The Great Fire) broke out in the city causing widespread damage.

Georgetown is the seat of the central Government of Guyana. All Executive Departments are located in the city—Parliament, Guyana's Legislative Building, the Victoria Law Courts and the Court of Appeal. The Official residences of the Head of State as well as the Prime Minister of Government are both located in Guyana's only city.



Georgetown is laid out in a N-S, E-W grid, interlaced with canals protected by [kokers](#) built by the Dutch and later the British that provide drainage to a city that lies 13 feet below high-tide level. A long sea wall helps prevent flooding. The city has an abundance of tree-lined streets and avenues and contains many wooden colonial buildings and markets.



Most of the main buildings are centered on the western region of the town. Around the western-central area is Independence Square and Promenade Gardens, the [Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology](#), the [National Library](#) (built by [Andrew Carnegie](#)), the Bank of Guyana, the [Museum of Guyana](#) and [State House](#) (built [1852](#))

where the President resides, and [St. George's Anglican Cathedral](#). There are many churches, mosques and [temples](#) in Georgetown.

To the south of this region is where the neo-[Gothic](#) Town Hall ([1889](#)) is to be found, as well as Victoria Law Courts ([1887](#)), the [Parliament Building](#) ([1829-1834](#)), the large [Stabroek Market](#) ([1792](#)) containing the prominent cast-iron clock tower that dominates the city sky line, the [Roman Catholic Cathedral](#), City Engineer House, the Magistrate's Court, [St. Andrew's Kirk](#) ([1818](#)) and [Independence Arch](#).



The northern area of the city near the Atlantic coast contains Fort William Frederick, a park and the [Umana Yana](#), a conical thatched building built by [Wai-Wai Amerindians](#) using traditional techniques. It was built for the [1972 Non-Aligned Foreign Ministers Conference](#). The [Georgetown Light House](#) is also a famous landmark. Georgetown is the seat of the Caribbean Community ([CARICOM](#)) Secretariat located in [Turkeyen](#) on the city's outskirts. As Guyana prepares for the world cup cricket in 2007 a new stadium is currently under construction which is envisaged to house 16,000 cricket fans.

## **Recommended:**

**Bridge Tours:** Stay at the charming Takatu Hotel, located to the south of Guyana, in the border town of Lethem and experience the best of Guyana's unique interior savannahs, Amerindian reservations, mountain ranges, waterfalls, fields of elegant and impenetrable ant hills and the opportunity for a day tour to the Capital of the State of Roraiama, Brazil. For more information: [morsha@inetguyana.net](mailto:morsha@inetguyana.net); [www.amazon-guyana-bridgetours.com](http://www.amazon-guyana-bridgetours.com); Tel: 592-225-8188 or 592-640-2277

**Mainstay Resort:** Stay at the edge of coffee brown lake located in the Cinderella County of Essequibo. This resort is known for taking the visitor away from the hustle and bustle of Georgetown to relax in tranquil, peaceful settings. Single and double cabins are available, supported by the well trained staff and enjoyable meals. [Im\\_resort@mail.com](mailto:Im_resort@mail.com). [www.lakemainstayresort.com](http://www.lakemainstayresort.com); Tel: 592-226-2975

**Kaitour Falls:** Visit Guyana's majestic fall known as the world's largest single drop falls.

**Baganara Resort:** An Island located in the Essequibo River

[Evergreen.adventures@webworksgy.com](mailto:Evergreen.adventures@webworksgy.com) [www.baganara.com](http://www.baganara.com) Tel 592-226-0605.

**Tour Operator: Ms. Ann Hamilton-** [dagron@solutions2000.net](mailto:dagron@solutions2000.net)- [www.sdnt.org.gy/guytrop](http://www.sdnt.org.gy/guytrop)  
Telephone: 592-223-7921

## **Le Meridien Pegasus**



***Le Meridien Pegasus-*** Guyana's premiere luxury hotel is located in the northern Georgetown overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and with a view of the Demerara River to its west. It is approximately 25 miles from the Cheddi Jagan International. The trip takes approximately 1 hour to arrive at the hotel.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Seminar 28-29 June 2006

### Venue Information

**Co-host: Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Guyana**

**Hotel:**

The Seminar will be held at the *Le Meridien Pegasus*

Address: Seawall Road, Kingston

Georgetown, Guyana

**Telephone: 011 592 225 2856**

**Fax: 011 592 225 3703**

Website: [www.lemeridien-pegasus.com](http://www.lemeridien-pegasus.com)

Accommodation rates at the La Meridian Pegasus have been arranged for participants as follows:

**US\$150.00 - Single Occupancy with Breakfast**

**All rates are subject to 10 percent Government tax.**

**FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

**Please complete and fax the hotel reservation form below to 592-227-3534 email [chairmanpuc@solutions2000.net](mailto:chairmanpuc@solutions2000.net)**

**Currency**

The exchange rate is approx. GY\$200.00 to US\$1.00.

**Local Airport & Tax**

Georgetown is approximately 25 miles from the Cheddi Jagan International Airport and the cost of transportation from the Airport to the La Meridien Pegasus is approximately US\$20.00 or GY\$4,000.00. Travelers are required to pay a departure and security tax of Guy \$ 4,000.00 when leaving Guyana.

**Information:**

A Seminar Information desk would be available on the 27 -29 June 2006 to provide further assistance and in the meanwhile for information please contact:

**Ms. Salima Mohamed or**

**Devika**

**Public Utilities Commission (PUC)**

**Tel: 592 226 7042**

**Fax: 592 227-3534**

**Email: [chairmanpuc@solutions2000.net](mailto:chairmanpuc@solutions2000.net)**

**GUEST PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION – 2<sup>nd</sup> OOCUR SEMINAR**

**Guest Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Arrival Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Departure Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate payment method:**

**Credit Card No:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash:**

**Visa**

**Master Card**

**American Exp.**

**Cardholder's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expiry Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a photocopy of front and back sides of your card.

**ROOM RATE:** Executive room - US\$150.00+10% Government tax -BREAKFAST INCLUSIVE.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

All reservations must be guaranteed with a deposit by credit card, traveler's cheque or cash at time of booking. This deposit is non refundable.

**Please fax this form to Public Utilities Commission 592-227-3534**

**Email - [chairmanpuc@solutions2000.net](mailto:chairmanpuc@solutions2000.net)**



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### REGISTRATION FORM

**Participant /Presenter/Sponsor** (*Print in Capital Letters, will appear as stated in badges etc.*)

Mr./Mrs./Ms:

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Organization:

Position/Title:

Mailing Address

Postal Code

City/State

Country:

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

Arrival:

Airline Name

Flight #

Time

Departure

Airline Name

Flight#

Time

**Registration Fees** is US\$300.00 (which includes Lunches, Break Refreshments, Welcome Reception, Seminar work Book & Materials).

Participants are responsible for Hotel accommodation and incidental charges.

**Method of Payment:** by cash or certified cheque on the day of Registration, June 28-29, 2006

Please do not send cash payment by mail. OOCUR will not accept liability for any kind of money loss.

**Form must be Completed and Faxed by May 22, 2006 to:**

Secretary General, OOCUR

c/o Public Utilities Commission, Guyana

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