

#### Board of Directors Meeting of the Utility Regulation and Competition Office ('OfReg') Held on Monday 2 May 2022, 2.30pm at the Office of the Utility Regulation and Competition Office Extraordinary Meeting #2 of 2022

## Minutes

## Present:

Mr Rudy Ebanks (Chair) Mr Frank Balderamos (Deputy Chair) via Zoom Mr Leroy Whorms, Non-Executive Director (LW) Ms Natasha Bodden, Non-Executive Director (NB) via Zoom Ms Bonnie Anglin, Non-Executive Director (BA) via Zoom Mr Peter Gough, Interim Chief Executive Officer (ICEO) Mr Sonji Myles, Executive Director ICT (EDI) Mr Duke Munroe, Chief Fuels Inspector (CFI) via Zoom Mr Gregg Anderson, Executive Director E&U (EDE) Ms Joanne Conolly, Board Secretary (BS) Mr Christen Suckoo, Chief Operating Officer (COO), by Invitation

#### **Apologies:**

Mr Alric Lindsay, Non-Executive Director (AL) via Zoom

Meeting called to order 2.49pm.

Chair gave the Board background on his and EDE's attendance at the Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum, CREF-2022 last week in Miami. Chair invited GC to attend in formal capacity, and the Board will be guided by his advice. An email has been received from the Premier and OfReg needs to respond to this email.

# 1. EDE presentation of visit to CREF 2022 (by Chair/EDE)

- EDE took the Board through his presentation, contained within the Board folder, in respect of his and the Chair's attendance at CREF-2022 in Miami last week.
- It was noted an FCO representative attended the conference, but made no mention of assistance to British Overseas Territories (BOTs) however, possible assistance was available from the USA. Discussion around whether this could be accepted, and any Central Development Bank or EU grants which could be accessed.
- One country at the conference received an industrial award for switching all Government buildings to energy efficient control – no wind or solar – achieving 30-40% savings. EDE noted the Energy Policy Council (EPC) has been encouraging CIG to do this without much success. However, the HSA has installed a solar rooftop system and were pursuing energy efficiency measures with input from their Board of Directors.



- EDE confirmed at the conference, OfReg is viewed favourably by other regional regulators who say our regulatory framework should be mirrored by other regulators as far as possible.
- Chair recognised the Renewable Energy Transition Accelerator (RETA), which is a global forum of energy regulators and of which OfReg is one of its early members, would have opportunities which can be taken advantage of. Action: EDE to share information to the Board.

# 2. Discussion around new Policy Directions

- Chair confirmed the announcement at CREF by Government was unexpected. He has requested that the Premier provide directions for the Board and OfReg, about this new policy. However, he has been informed that the policy and its details are a work-in-progress and that it has not been presented to Cabinet yet.
- Discussion surrounded the new policy directions. Redacted under Public Authority Act (2020 Revision) s19(5)(b)
- Chair confirmed that EDE can continue to respond to questions respondents have asked about the RFQ, until we hear otherwise in writing from Cabinet with Policy Directions.
- Action: GC will complete draft response to the Premier's email.
- Action: BS to send EDE's documents from the Board folder to the GC.

Motion to adjourn made by LW, Seconded by BA. Meeting adjourned at 5.29pm.

Rudy Ebanks, Chairman Sianed Joanne Conolly Signed Joanne Conolly, Secretary