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Utility Regulator Assessing Concerns Relating to Homeowner Solar Participation

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The Utility Regulation and Competition Office (URCO) has recently been approached by members of the media regarding a petition currently in circulation concerning homeowner solar participation and related concerns raised by members of the public.

The Office is aware of the issues being raised and is already gathering information to properly assess the situation, including concerns relating to customer communications, approval processes, installer requirements, and the distinction between regulatory obligations and utility operating procedures.

URCO wrote to Caribbean Utilities Limited (CUC) last week regarding communications issued in relation to unauthorised solar installations and matters affecting homeowner solar participation. In that correspondence, the Office noted the importance of ensuring that any communication or follow-up action clearly reflects the respective roles of URCO as the regulator, CUC as the licensee and system operator, and other relevant statutory bodies such as the Building Control Unit, the Electrical Inspectorate and the Electrical Board of Examiners.

The Office also made clear that any references to legal obligations, offences, enforcement outcomes, reporting requirements or deadlines must be properly framed within the applicable legislation, approved programmes, licence conditions, codes and regulatory frameworks, and should not imply that CUC independently determines regulatory compliance obligations or enforcement outcomes.

URCO does not object to the objective of improving visibility of distributed generation and encouraging compliance with applicable safety and regulatory requirements. However, the Office is reviewing the information available and has requested that CUC engage with URCO on any follow-up actions, compliance programmes, enforcement matters or further communications arising from this issue.

URCO will continue to assess the matter and consider the appropriate next steps, including whether additional regulatory guidance or clarification to the market is required, to help ensure a clear, consistent and legally sound approach that does not create



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inappropriate hurdles to homeowner participation in solar and renewable energy solutions.

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