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Dear Director General,

Re: Assistance from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

The Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) has had discussions with representatives from the local office of the IDB about the possibility of the Bank providing technical assistance to the OUR to support our activities in promoting an expansion in the use of low carbon technologies in Jamaica's energy sector.

The increased use in such low carbon technologies is essential if Jamaica is to attain a greater degree of energy security and efficiency. This is one of the principal elements in Jamaica's Energy Policy, and one of the main goals of Jamaica's National Development Plan, Vision 2030. As the regulator of the energy sector, and as an advisor to the Government on policy and legislation for this sector, the OUR has a central role in this national imperative.

The specific activities to be undertaken by the OUR in this area include, the development of market structures for the expansion of low carbon fuels such as natural gas, the development and integration of renewable energy, and support for energy efficiency programmes. Integrated resource planning, technology deployment roadmaps, and policy and regulatory structures, are other focal areas.



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The type of support which the IDB can provide for these activities involves regulatory training, capacity building, the establishment of partnerships with counterparts in other countries engaged in energy sector reform, and exposure to regulatory best practices. I understand that the IDB estimates that the cost of such a programme would be approximately US\$300,000 – 400,000.

I should be grateful, therefore, if the PIOJ would make the necessary formal request to the IDB for this programme of assistance to the OUR.

Yours sincerely,
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Albert C. Gordon
Director General