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Mrs. Therese Turner-Jones
Country Representative
Inter-American Development Bank
40-46 Knutsford Boulevard
Kingston 5

Dear Mrs. Turner-Jones:

Re: Support to the Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) Governance Framework

The Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), on behalf of the Government, hereby requests grant financing to facilitate the development of: (1) a Governance Charter and Code; and (2) Protocols for decision-making for the Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR). The August 2015 amendment to the OUR Act has defined a new oversight structure for the OUR, including both internal and external governance changes which will impact its role as Regulator for the energy, water and telecommunications sub-sectors.

Among the structural and governance changes envisaged, is the appointment of six (6) non-executive members and a chairperson effective January 11, 2016. The assistance being requested will support the definition of an organizational governance framework for the OUR as well as preparation of a Manual of Protocols to guide decision making for the energy sector.

The OUR has already commenced discussions with the IDB and there is agreement on the scope of works for this initial review and sequencing of follow on reviews to be undertaken to strengthen the capacity of the OUR. (See the attached TOR that was submitted to the PIOJ by the OUR).

The Institute therefore anticipates your favourable consideration to this request for support.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Scott
for Director General

cc. Ms. Darlene Morrison, DFS, MoF&P
Mr. Joseph Matalon, Chairperson, OUR
Mr. Albert Gordon, Director General, OUR

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