Independent Regulatory Commission Administrative Order 3/2009 Document Ref: 2009/003/D-01

This Administrative Order is made by the Independent Regulatory Commission (hereafter referred to as the Commission) in exercise of the powers conferred on the Commission by Section 41 of the Electricity Supply Act 10 of 2006 (the Act) of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

1. This Order may be cited as the: **Dominica Electricity Services Ltd. Integrated Resource Plan For Electricity-Demand Forecast Order.**

- 2. Whereas the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, Document referenced 2008/00/NPRM-01 entitled "Regulatory Policy and Procedure-Adding Capacity to the Public Electricity Supply System", dated November 26, 2008 inviting public responses and comments, and which outlined the proposed Integrated Resource Planning Process for the first time; and
- 3. Whereas the consultation period for this 2008/00/NPRM-01 was extended at the request of DOMLEC so that they could submit to the Commission very copious comments on the document and proposed procedures; and
- 4. Whereas such comments received from DOMLEC and other stakeholders on this document were duly considered by the Commission and a Decision Document 2008/002/D entitled "Decision-Regulatory Policy and Procedure Adding Capacity to the Public Electricity Supply System" was approved by the Commission. In it was contained the Table D-5.0 clearly outlining the Planning Procedure for the creation of an Integrated Resource Plan; and
- **5.** Whereas the Commission issued a Consultative Document entitled "Integrated Resource Plan for Electricity-Demand Forecast, document reference 2009/003/CD-01 inviting public responses and comments on the issue of Resource Planning for the Electricity Sector in Dominica; and
- 6. Whereas such comments as were received were duly considered by the Commission which thereafter issued a Decision Document 2009/003/D-01 entitled "Integrated Resource Plan For Electricity-Demand Forecast" which captured the planning process as shown by table 3.1 of the document; and

- 7. Whereas both of these documents and the procedures contained therein were decided on by the Commission after extensive consultations with DOMLEC and other stakeholders through which there was agreement on the methodology for the preparation of the Integrated Resource Plan.
- 8. Whereas S.41 of the ACT provides "The Commission shall, by notice, published in the Gazette, issue such other administrative orders and rules as are necessary for exercising its powers and performing its duties in the implementation of policies under this Act"
- **9. The Commission** now **ORDERS** that Dominica Electricity Services Limited (DOMLEC) follows the methodology outlined in the two decision documents referred to above and prepare a draft Integrated Resource Plan for the Electricity Sector of the Commonwealth of Dominica for the period 2010 to 2014 for submission to the Commission no later than February 28, 2010.
- 10. For the avoidance of doubt the effective date by which the Commission would expect the draft Integrated Resource Plan will be February 28, 2010.

BY ORDER THE INDEPENDENT REGULATORY COMMISSION

Lancelot McCaskey Executive Director

January 6, 2010