



(Re Tariff Filing)

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Mrs. S. Bertilia Leblanc-McKenzie  
General Manager  
DOMLEC  
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DOMINICA

Dear Mrs. LeBlanc-McKenzie

Re: Test Year

The Commission was approached by DOMLEC to discuss the configuration of the Test year, and at the meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 agreed that the Test year will consist of six months actual data prior to, and six months forecasted data after, the date of filing for the rate review.

At this time, the date of filing for the rate review is not known, but the principle as agreed upon and stated above, will apply when the date for the application for the rate review is submitted by DOMLEC.

Notably, in our Regulation Decision Document Reference No. 2009/004/D “**Tariff Regime for Dominica Electricity Services Ltd**” under **Section 2.5 Definition and Intent of Terms** on page 37, states:

*“The test period, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, shall be the twelve-month period beginning six months prior to the date the application is filed and ending six months subsequent to the application filing date. In no event shall the test period end more than 9 months subsequent to the date the application is filed and should include.”*

Thus, DOMLEC’s proposal is in alignment with the Commission’s decision.

The Commission is aware of the work that is required to be done by DOMLEC in collating the data for the required schedules, and the information that will be used for determining the rates associated with the new tariff filing. This is expected to be very time consuming and will take significant resources. The onus is therefore on DOMLEC to suggest an application filing date that would allow for the time that is reasonably required for this exercise.

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Please be informed accordingly.

Sincerely,

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY COMMISSION**



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**JUSTINN KASE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*cc. Chairman and Commissioners (IRC)*