



Terms of Reference

Job Title: Economist
Position: Contracted - Full Time
Location: PUC HQ – Georgetown
Report to: Chairman

Background

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereafter referred to as the Commission is a statutory body with responsibility for the electricity, water and sewerage and the telecommunications sectors. The Commission was established under the Public Utilities Commission Act No. 26 of 1990 and now operates under the Public Utilities Commission Act No. 19 of 2016.

The PUC has the specific mandate for quality of service, tariff setting, the approval of development and expansion programmes, facilitating access and interconnection and in general performs regulatory, investigatory, enforcement and advisory functions in Guyana.

At present the Commission exercises statutory oversight over the Guyana Power and Light Inc. (GPL), Guyana Water Inc. (GWI), GTT Inc. (GTT), U-Mobile (Cellular) Inc. (Digicel), E-Networks Inc. (ENet), Green Gibraltar and Quark Telecommunications Inc.

Section 22 of the PUC Act No. 19 of 2016 provides for the establishment of an Office of Economic Research which office has the responsibility for the collection and compilation of information, conducting studies of economy and efficiencies and making evaluation of the utilities and service providers' property and to monitoring regulatory trends in Guyana and other countries (*This list is not intended to be exhaustive*).

The Commission hereby seeks an individual to support its Office of Economic Research.

General Responsibilities:

- Conduct analysis of prices, regulations or other areas as required and prepare written reports/presentations to the Commission. This includes though not limited to the analysis of utility rate applications, conduct comparison of pricing and penetration rates for various services and report findings to the Commission on the relevant regulatory actions vis-à-vis economic and financial impacts together with the relevant recommendations.
- Monitor regulatory trends in Guyana and other countries to enhance the efficiency, accuracy and modernity of the Commission's internal operations and its decision making on standards and quality of service, pricing, and the review/ evaluation of development and expansion programmes of service providers.
- Conduct market studies, analysis and assessment of the sectors and conduct economic and market feasibility studies for existing and emerging telecommunications markets in the local, regional and international telecommunications sectors utilizing economic, financial, statistical, and demographic data and submit reports on emerging recommendations for econometric modeling and rate analysis.
- Monitor competition and anti-competitive conduct in the telecommunications sector competition and to keep under review activities in the sector that may adversely affect the interests of consumers/service providers in keeping with the

In addition to the above, the successful applicant will be expected to perform other related duties as may be assigned.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree/Master in Economics
- 5-10 years relevant experience
- Post graduate credentials and/or relevant experience will be an advantage
- Proven applied economic research.

Applications:

Applications in english language with full curriculum vitae details, including nationality, work experience, educational qualifications, summary of professional skills and/or expertise, language proficiency, coordinates and other relevant information, should be addressed to:

The Chairman of the Commission, Ms. Dela Britton at attabritton@gmail.com and copied pucommission@gmail.com

Applications can also be submitted via postal service addressed to:

The Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
106 New Garden Street
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Only shortlisted applicants will be acknowledged.