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## BERMUDA’S ELECTRICITY IRP – PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROGRESS

**November 27, 2018:** Hamilton, Bermuda – The Regulatory Authority of Bermuda (Authority) has published an informational video to explain Bermuda’s IRP - Integrated Resource Plan that will be the framework for the long-term vision for electricity generation in Bermuda. The 20-minute video can be seen [here](#). The Authority’s Senior Legal Advisor, Monique Lister confirmed that “the IRP is being developed by the Regulatory Authority of Bermuda with input from a variety of sources including public consultation, government policy and ministerial direction.”

### Public Consultation

The process started with the Authority notifying BELCO to submit an IRP Proposal in accordance with the Electricity Act 2016, that proposal was published in May 2018 and at that time a public consultation period opened. The Authority hosted town hall meetings in May and invited the public to submit proposals for alternative generation. Eight proposals were received and published in October, with several of them suggesting the use of renewable energy sources. The proposals identify technologies to be considered for inclusion in the IRP.

The public consultation period for comments on the alternative proposals ends on Friday November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Regulatory Authority Chair, Angela Berry said, “We are pleased to see the community participate in the process on this important subject that touches every consumer. We wish to remind the public that the IRP will be determined on public interest together with the technical, economic, environmental and social merits of each technology, aligned with government ministerial direction. The Authority began its public outreach in May of this year with town hall meetings, radio interviews and an informational flyer delivered to every household in July and it is our hope that this video will help more people to understand some of the potential technologies.”

### Next Steps

The IRP will be published in 2019. It is a long-term framework for Bermuda’s electricity needs and will be reviewed up to every 5 years to ensure it remains relevant. The inclusion of alternative bulk generation technology is for future planning. At such time that alternative generation is required, a tender process may be initiated for the suggested technology and interested parties may be invited to submit through a Competitive Bidding Procedure, as set by the Authority.

The eight proposals for alternative bulk generation that were submitted include technologies of wave energy, a floating ship-based regasification power and water plant, wind and solar energy, multi-fuel power using LNG and oil, biomass technology using wood pellet fuel and hydrogen-based steam generation with water recovery.

Full proposals, a summary sheet and all of the consultation documents can be viewed on the Authority website at [www.rab.bm/electricity-publicconsultations/](http://www.rab.bm/electricity-publicconsultations/). Public responses can be submitted from the same web page. The 20-minute informational video is on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/MEz63yXvueY>

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