

Jamaica Public Service Company, Limited 1997

Company Profile

The Jamaica Public Service Company, Limited (JPSCo.) is engaged in the generation, purchase, transmission and distribution of electricity. The sole distributor of electricity in the island since 1923, JPSCo. serves more than 400,000 customers in a population of 2.5 million. It owns and operates 23 generating plants that produce approximately 73% of its power requirements. The Company owns 53 substations, 1,116 km of transmission lines and 11,661 km of distribution lines. Service is provided through a network of 21 customer service offices and a labour force of over 2,000 employees.

JPSCo. is Jamaica's largest state-owned enterprise, with the Government owning approximately 99 per cent of share capital. After acquiring a number of former electricity suppliers, the Company was incorporated in 1966 under the name The Jamaica Public Service Company, Limited. It operates under an exclusive 39-year licence issued in 1978. The Company is subject to monitoring by the Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) with respect to various aspects of its business including rates charged, standards of service and management efficiency.
