



## QUESTIONS FOR THE OUR

**The Editor Sir/Madam,**

In light of the current JPS Co.'s tariff review being undertaken by the Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR), there are some pertinent regulatory questions which the Young Entrepreneurs Association (YEA) would like to publicly pose to the OUR:

1. Being that the JPS Co. has an exclusive license for the distribution of electricity, and being that the JPS is also an electricity generator, does the JPS Co. have a Power Purchase Agreement with itself?
2. If the answer is yes and the JPS does have a PPA with itself, are the selling prices, efficiency rates, and operational efficiency requirements within the same bands as those embedded in the PPAs between the JPS and Independent Power Producers (IPPs)?
3. If a PPA does not exist between the JPS and itself, why is this not the case? And are there steps currently being taken to have one implemented? And by what process, and what considerations will this PPA be instituted?
4. Does the regulation still exist by which the electricity generated by the JPS Co. has first option of being fed into the grid, regardless of the rate at which it is produced compared to that of IPPs? If this regulation still exist, does the OUR not consider this to be inefficient and ineffective, and what steps are being taken to have this regulation repealed?
5. Being that the JPS Co. has an exclusive license on electricity distribution, and also acts as a generator of electricity, does the OUR not see an inherent conflict of interest with this arrangement?
6. Are there any considerations being given to the liberalization of the grid to allow for other entrants to the market to also have a right to electricity distribution?
7. Are there any considerations to instructing the JPS Co. to break up its operations into a distributions company separate and apart from its production operations? This would be to ensure that the conflict of interest is eliminated, regulatory considerations for electricity distribution could be undertaken separate from generation considerations, and the production arm of the JPS Co. would be subject to the said rules and regulations as those applied to IPPs.

We would welcome the OUR considered answers to these questions, as there are a plethora of inherent questions which are in the public's interest.

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Sincerely,

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