

UNSERVED AREAS ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME

BEGINNING OF PHASE 1 – WHAT CONSUMERS SHOULD KNOW

Materials for the Unserved Areas Electrification Programme (UAEP) have been ordered and construction of distribution networks is to commence shortly. Residents in unserved areas along the coast are reminded of the following:

- The projected average cost for the electrification of a household is about G\$90,000.
- About 75% of this cost is being financed from the loan which the Government obtained from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), of which about US \$14 million will be used for grid extension.
- An estimated 15% of this cost is being provided by the Guyana Power & Light Inc. (GPL).
- As one condition of the loan, each household must provide a small non-refundable contribution to the electrification cost which has been set at G\$10,000, covering about 10% of the average electrification cost. The contribution is only refundable should electrification of the area not occur within nine (9) months.
- Construction works will not begin in any area until half or 50% of the households have contributed their G\$10,000 during the three month period (Designated Application Period) listed in the schedule below.
- Consumers in the selected areas will have up to three (3) years, once construction is undertaken, to seek connection and meet the requirements under the terms of the UAEP programme.

The UAEP will be implemented in two phases - Phase 1 extending up to December 30, 2006 and Phase 2 commencing immediately thereafter and extending to December 2009. By the completion of the UAEP all selected unserved areas will have access to electricity.

Construction of distribution networks is scheduled to commence in selected areas for 2005/2006 no later than May 2005. In order to receive electricity the following actions must be taken by residents in the selected areas:

1. The Consumer Contribution of G\$10,000 per household must be paid to the GPL office designated or such other temporary offices as may be publicized. Payment in one sum is preferred but payment in portions of \$2,000 or more will be accepted. PLEASE NOTE that construction works will only commence when a minimum of 50% of households in the selected area make FULL payment.
2. Premises must be wired to the required specification for the new GPL interface and a Certificate of Inspection obtained from the Electrical Inspector's Department.
3. An application for a supply of electricity from GPL must be filled and proof of legal occupancy must be provided which includes a title document, allocation letter from the Ministry of Housing or tenancy agreement.
4. Prior to connection the original Certificate of Inspection must be submitted to GPL (a copy should be retained by the consumer). This Certificate among other things indicates the quantity of electricity that the consumer can consume. The Security

Deposit is calculated based on two times the average monthly charges or \$5,000 (for basic lighting and small appliances) whichever is greater. This additional sum must be paid to GPL and will be refunded by GPL upon the termination of the service contract with the consumer.