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The Bahamas Electricity Corporation (BEC) is a government corporation that provides electricity to all of the Bahama Islands except for Grand Bahama. The corporation operates power plants at 25 locations throughout the islands, with 95,000 customers and a peak capacity of 438 MW. Most of the stations use diesel engines; a large gas-turbine plant is installed at the Blue Hills Power Station.

The BEC has a subsidiary in Bahamas Power and Light (BPL), which serves customers in New Providence and the Family Islands. As of 2023, BPL provides 83% of the power, 535 megawatts, in the Bahamian grid.

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The Government of the Bahamas, in its National Energy Policy 2013-2033, sets forth the following strategic goals, among other things, for the electricity sector:

URCA's activities in the electricity sector will be guided by the overarching objectives as set out in the National Energy Policy. As the designated regulatory authority for the sector, URCA work involves the following key projects:

The Electricity Act of 2015 prohibits individuals from engaging in activities such as generation, transmission, distribution, retail, import, export, or wholesale trading of electricity in The Bahamas without obtaining a license from URCA.

The National Energy Policy and Electricity Sector Policy prioritize the creation of sustainable energy opportunities and improving energy security in The Bahamas. URCA believes that advancing this objective is crucial to the government's climate change strategy. Incorporating a percentage of electricity from renewable sources will aid The Bahamas in achieving both national and international targets for reducing carbon emissions and greenhouse gases.

Part V of the Electricity Act requires Public Electricity Suppliers (PES) to develop and submit to URCA a plan for the introduction of sustainable energy technologies into the electricity supply system.

The Consumer Protection Plan (CPP) for the electricity sector, required by the Electricity Act 2015, was created in collaboration between licensees and URCA in 2017. It underwent public consultation, as with other regulatory documents. URCA prioritizes consumer protection and plans to update the Quality of Service Framework to address consumer concerns in the electricity sector. This aligns with the goal of providing safe,



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affordable, reliable, and environmentally sustainable electricity in The Bahamas.

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