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General Comment:

I fully support the Bermuda Better Energy Plan and going forward with Renewable Energy and am pleased to see some people are taking the necessary steps to make things happen. However, I am strongly against seeing these terrible solar panels installed on our Bermuda roofs. They are a terrible eyesore! Our white roofs—believe it or not—enhance the beauty of Bermuda. Just imagine if they were all grey or even black. The charm disappears immediately. These panels do the same. They remind me a bit of the time when everyone installed huge satellite dishes to be seen from everywhere. Another eyesore but now gone. And before that when each house had a TV antenna strapped to our charming chimneys!

Please proceed with the solar panels but placed out of sight to the public and definitely off the roofs. Wonder how one paints the roofs with all this mechanism installed there!??

As for the wind mills off shore, that would be perfect. They are absolutely charming and graceful to look at. However, hurricanes and winter storms do have a way of wrecking thing.



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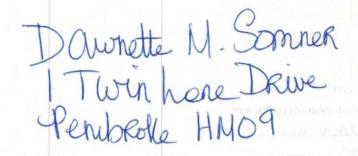
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Dear Ms Lister,

I am writing to submit a response to the Regulatory Authority of Bermuda's consultation on IRP Bulk Generation Proposals.

I am 92 years old and all my life the electric light company has dictated all costs, has been importing more and more expensive fossil fuels into our island home and their intention of perhaps getting an explosive LNG plant in frightens me to death. The fact that they haven't considered, through the years, giving better service to all of Bermuda, even in light of the changes the rest of the world are making, is shocking and frankly unacceptable.

For the last 20 years everyone around the world has been talking about the importance of saving the earth, bringing down the costs and reducing the use of foreign fossil fuels, but Belco have paid no heed to that. For a while I lived at Juniper Hill, which was right in the vicinity of Belco and it got worse and worse over the years with more and more noise and lower and lower quality of unclean air and it continues getting worse, they are polluting the immediate neighbourhood. Bermuda deserves much better facilities and our unique and lovely environment is more important now than it has been every before because of this pollution situation we find ourselves in. If we don't clean up our act, not only will the Bermudians suffer, but people will not want to live and work here, neither will visitors be so enchanted by the beauty of Bermuda unless we make every effort to enrich our environment for everyone.

As such, I support the Bermuda Better Energy Plan (BBEP) submitted by BE Solar, as this plan:

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- Please see my additional comments below which are based on the questions the RAB asked folks to help guide a more thorough response, thank you.
- 1. Are there any provisions in the Alternative Proposal (BBEP) that should be modified? Please include any reasoning and evidence in your answers.

No not at all, it makes complete sense and I don't see anything that should be modified, unless you want to put more windmills up as this will happen anyhow, with free fuel brings lower costs.

2. Do you have any comments on whether including the Alternative Proposal (BBEP) in the IRP would result in an electricity supply that is more consistent with the purposes of the EA and Ministerial directions (e.g. least-cost provision of reliable electricity)?

With the BBEP, I look forward to a stable electricity price which will not be dictated by foreign markets, like all fossil fuels will. Whereas solar and wind prices will not change because the fuel is free, forever, and that's saying something. Thus, the sustainability and reliability of electricity supply in Bermuda will be enhanced with the BBEP. Also as aforementioned the LNG idea is ludicrous because it is so dangerous, just a few weeks ago I saw on the news the explosion in Boston due to a simple LNG leak, searches on the internet reveal that large LNG explosions and resulting deaths are not at all uncommon! Bermuda's lives are priceless and fossil fuels by their explosive nature are far more dangerous than renewable energy. Also the act speaks specifically to the need to promote the use of cleaner energy sources and technologies including renewable energy sources, nothing can be cleaner than sunlight and wind!

3. Do you have any comments on the technology proposed in the Alternative Proposal (BBEP), including whether such technology is in commercial operation in another jurisdiction?

Good lord, solar and wind are all over the world, and battery storage too. This is the problem, Bermuda keeps lagging behind the rest of the world when we used to be leaders and now we are in danger of being left behind and having our children and grandchildren judge our mistakes, leaving Bermuda ignorant and broke if we are not careful, this is a pivotal moment. We need to set a standard of excellence for our young people and embrace the present and future and not be stuck in the horrors of the past, we need to give our people something to be proud of!



4. Do you have any additional views on the assumptions, assessment methodology, and conclusions set out in the Alternative Proposal (BBEP)?

The BBEP has been developed very thoughtfully and bravely and absolutely much better than anything I have ever seen come from any source including Belco. You can't compare this plan with what Belco has neglected to do for so many years and is trying to get way with now. Belco has never truly looked to find better options for all of Bermuda and it is unforgivable what they are trying to pull off now for the short term benefit of their upper management and shareholders, to the detriment of the rest of us.

5. Additional comments

Our coral reef systems that surrounds us is 100 square miles or diverse beauty. It is our most important resource and brings in millions of dollars of money to our island creating hundreds of jobs each year. Ocean acidification and ocean warming are directly attributed to fossil fuel use and are having severe damage to the world's coral reefs, for example the Great Barrier Reef in Australia is now over 30% bleached and dead due to global warming and climate change. I have been swimming, snorkelling and diving all of my life, first using a sea glass to see underwater at five years old and later using mask and snorkel, for over 85 years. This year was the first time in my entire life that I have seen coral bleaching in Bermuda right off the North shore and this is very scary and frankly unacceptable and avoidable. Humankind now has the science and knowledge to know what is right and wrong, what is pragmatic and risk averse, there are no excuses anymore, we need to get on with solar and wind and battery storage as much as possible as fast as possible.

Thank you for your time in reviewing my response, I look forward to learning of the final outcome of the IRP consultation process.

Yours sincerely,

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30th November 2018

Response to Consultation Document: Comments on IRP Bulk Generation Proposals

Greetings Ms Lister,

Please consider this Greenrock's response to the Regulatory Authority of Bermuda's consultation on IRP Bulk Generation Proposals.

Anne Jankeliowitch, an engineer specializing in the environment¹, said it best when she outlined the need for sustainability as follows:

"One fifth of the world's population lives in industrialized countries, amid modes of production and consumption that are excessive and polluting. The remaining four-fifths lives in developing countries, mostly in dire poverty, and is forced to exert great pressure on natural resources just to survive. The consequence is a steady deterioration of the earth's ecosystem, which today is stretched to the limit.

And that's not all. By 2050, there will be nearly 9 billion people on the planet. most of them in developing countries. Economically, these countries will have to catch up with the industrialized nations without overtaxing the natural limits of the earth, which cannot simply expand to accommodate them.

If all humankind lived like Westerners, we would need two more planets just like this one to satisfy the demand. Nevertheless, there is a way to improve the living conditions of today's majority while preserving the world's natural resources for coming generations. We must promote technologies that pollute less and that are more sparing of water and energy. [emphasis added] This approach - sustainable development - holds out the

¹ Anne Jankeliowitch worked for several years in nature conservation, for the World Wildlife Fund and Greenpeace. She also contributed to the bestseller The Earth from Above, and to several other nature-related texts. Most recently, she authored Ships.

possibility of real progress for humanity. It doesn't necessitate consuming less, but consuming more wisely.

The situation is not yet hopeless, not is disaster inevitable. Changes are necessary and, most important, possible. Sustainable development - based on a system of economic growth that respects both humankind's needs and natural resources of our unique planet - would allow us not only to improve the living conditions of all the world's inhabitants, but also to safeguard the future. [emphasis added]

This means we must turn to new ways of producing what we need, and we must change our habits of consumption. This is a task in which all citizens of the world must share, playing their part in ensuring a future for the Earth and for all humankind. [emphasis added]

There is not a moment to lose." [emphasis added]

We share a strong affinity with the principles and values outlined within the quote above as they highlight necessary considerations in this IRP process:

- Acknowledgement of the fact that we, like our counterparts in the modern world, have become accustomed to modes of production and consumption that are excessive and polluting.
- 2. Understanding the need for us to promote and encourage the use of technologies that pollute less and are far more efficient.
- 3. Improving living conditions for all Bermudians through renewed approaches that facilitate our growth and development using methods that are mindful of both the needs of our people and the natural environment that sustains us.
- 4. A commitment to finding new ways to produce our energy.
- 5. Immediate action to ensure that future generations are able to enjoy the benefits we have received from living on such a beautiful island.

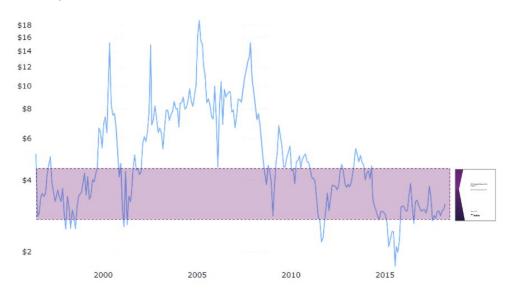
This consultation process presents an excellent opportunity for our island home and its people. In addition to being created to deliver a plan that best addresses our collective concerns and interests for energy generation over the next twenty years, this process also has the potential to instill much needed confidence in our leadership. The people of

Bermuda have shown that electricity is very important to us by speaking out publicly, attending meetings and making copious submissions to the Regulatory Authority. Now, after having the courage to engage the process through active participation, it is critically important for the Regulatory Authority to deliver a plan that is in alignment with the essence of all the submissions received.

Strong leadership within the Regulatory Authority and in the broader community is required to ensure that this consultation process is handled in accordance with the principles outlined in the Regulatory Authority's mandate. This mandate necessarily includes the legislated considerations set out within section 6 of The Electricity Act 2016 which include the use of renewable energy sources. Should all parties involved ensure that process is defined by fairness, innovation and integrity, there is real potential for the type of success that would instil confidence and unprecedented levels of resilience in both our community and our energy mix.

Accordingly, Greenrock strongly supports the Bermuda Better Energy Plan ("BBEP") submission to the Regulatory Authority's public consultation on energy generation for Bermuda. It is a progressive, sustainable and commercially viable plan that would be the best outcome, both socially and economically, for Bermuda and our global community. By contrast, we disagree with BELCO's stated plan for energy generation over the next 20 years. However, even though we disagree with their plan, we acknowledge the importance of BELCO and we recognize just how central they are to energy generation and distribution in Bermuda.

Short of wholesale changes in the industry, for the foreseeable future, BELCO will have more impact on our energy supply than any other organisation, and for that reason we are genuinely concerned about the rationale behind their plan. The proposed development of a new LNG plant will keep us heavily reliant on foreign fossil fuels which exposes us to high, volatile rates for consumers and relatively insignificant improvements to our national figures for carbon emissions. Our heavy reliance on offshore fuel will also mean that much-needed money (approx. \$85,000,000 in 2017), which could otherwise be reinvested in our local economy, will continue to leave our shores.



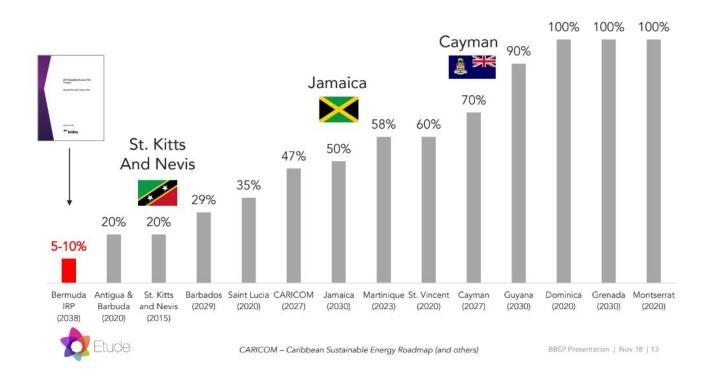
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In the absence of further clarity from BELCO it appears that social and environmental impact has had little bearing on their decision making. Small island states such as Bermuda tend to be most impacted by the volatility of overseas fuel prices and fracking, the process used to source LNG, is causing grave concerns globally regarding its impact on air quality, water quality and earthquakes. For these reasons the environmental footprint² of any proposed technologies must consider the entire lifecycle of the product, the safety of those technologies and affordability for the consumer.

The world is currently in the midst of an energy revolution, and BELCO's current proposal does very little to ensure that we keep pace with renewable energy targets being set by the world's largest nations or even similar small island states.

Islands are using renewable electricity

Bermuda Better Energy Plan



² Greenpeace: Fracking's Environmental Impacts

https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/global-warming/issues/fracking/environmental-impacts-water

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Greenrock fully supports the Bermuda Better Energy Plan submitted by BE Solar, as this plan:

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In summary, technology is already where it needs to be for wind and solar to be viable sources of electricity - they are proven in other jurisdictions, as outlined within the Bermuda Better Energy Plan. LNG is unsustainable in the long term, susceptible to volatile pricing, presents safety risks, and potentially leaves us with a very expensive stranded asset. No revisiting of LNG will be possible in the short term, as has been suggested by BELCO, due to the heavy restrictions of such a long-term financial commitment. As such, any decision in support of LNG will have long term consequences for Bermuda.

It is therefore crucial that we get Bermuda's Plan correct before it is implemented in any fashion.

Having had the occasion to speak with members of the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) when they were in Bermuda recently, it clear to us that Bermuda would greatly benefit from a public collaborative plan instead of the IRP process as currently legislated. It was communicated to us by RMI that their experience shows collaborative plans result in the most successful outcomes. To ensure that we all benefit, Greenrock supports a process that facilitates collaboration between all stakeholders in the local energy sector, the financial sector and the community to develop a plan to represents our collective strengths. Working within the consultative framework as it currently stands, we respectfully ask the Regulatory Authority to provide the necessary leadership to engage all stakeholders in a collaborative effort to adapt BELCO's Plan so that the final draft IRP produced by BELCO (in accordance with their legislative responsibilities) is a progressive plan that best serves Bermuda socially, economically and environmentally.

Thank you for taking the time to fully consider Greenrock's submission. Should there be anything at all in terms of further information or clarification of the above, please let us know.

Peace & Love,

Eugene Dean

Director

on behalf of and representing Greenrock