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**URA Opens Consultation on Utilities' Regulatory Reporting Requirement**

Any interested member of the general public is welcome to comment by 17 May 2013 on a new report the Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA) has published to review the contractual and legal reporting requirements applied to electricity utilities operating in Vanuatu.

The Authority's aim is to implement uniform reporting for all service providers in a consultative approach. The draft decision focuses on the financial, accounting and technical information that electricity companies have to produce in accordance with their concession obligations and the legislation in place.

While performing the review, the Authority based its approach and principals on existing reports and reporting material. Consistency, accuracy, transparency and traceability, together with a methodology to capture, format and present technical and financial data are key to be able to assess the performance of electricity utilities.

Stakeholders may comment on the new draft decision or mention what should be covered in the final decision by contacting Olivier Fernandez by email to [oferandez@ura.gov.vu](mailto:oferandez@ura.gov.vu) or by regular mail to: Regulatory Reporting Requirements Draft Decision, Utilities Regulatory Authority, PMB 9093, Port Vila VANUATU.

They may also visit the office of the URA in the VNPF building and share their opinions in person.

During the consultation period, the Authority will also arrange individual meetings with the utilities to address all the questions and revise the draft proposal in light of their feedbacks.

A final decision is expected for publication by the end of September, and the Authority will make the result of the consultation available to the public on its website.

Copies of the Regulatory Reporting Requirements Draft Decision are available to the general public from the Authority's office and on the home page of its website [www.ura.gov.vu](http://www.ura.gov.vu).

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**About the Utilities Regulatory Authority**

The URA was set up under the Utilities Regulatory Authority Act No. 11 of 2007. The Authority acts independently of the Government and its primary purpose is to increase access to safe, reliable and affordable electricity and water services, and to protect the long-term interests of consumers throughout Vanuatu. In the electricity sector, the Authority monitors the concessions operated by UNELCO in Malekula, Port Vila and Tanna; and Vanuatu Utilities and Infrastructure Ltd (VUI) in Luganville. In addition, the Authority manages

consumer disputes and advises the Government on matters related to electricity and water. It also reviews tariffs under the rules of the Concessions Agreements and relevant legislation.

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