



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**CARIBBEAN DISASTER
EMERGENCY RESPONSE
AGENCY (CDERA)**

and the

**CARIBBEAN ELECTRIC
UTILITY SERVICES
CORPORATION
(CARILEC)**

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Considering that CDERA was established by an international agreement subscribed to by the Governments of Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, the British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts-Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and the Turks and Caicos Islands, and to which other Caribbean States can accede, with the objectives of providing an immediate and coordinated response by means of emergency disaster relief to any affected participating State, to serve as an information focal point for reliable and comprehensive information and intelligence in all matters relating to disasters and to establish, enhance and maintain a sustainable mechanism for disaster response capabilities among participating states.

Considering that a fundamental part of the mission of Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation (CARILEC) is to provide relief assistance to member utilities affected by hurricanes, storms, floods and such other natural disasters as may be specified by its Directorate.

Recognizing, the common elements of programmes interests in the agendas of CARILEC and CDERA;

Desirous, of contributing to the effective accomplishment of their common objectives within the general framework of the Agreement establishing CDERA and the agreement establishing (CARILEC);

Agree as follows:

ARTICLE ONE: INTERPRETATION

This Agreement shall be interpreted by each agency in accordance with its regulations, by laws or other instruments of establishments.

ARTICLE TWO: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a mechanism whereby the disaster and emergency management activities of CARILEC's Caribbean operations are coordinated with those carried out by CDERA with the objectives of:

1. Providing Member States/Electric Utilities affected by disasters with relief assistance to alleviate the immediate effects of disasters;
2. Conducting training and education activities to improve the disaster preparedness capabilities of CARILEC Member Utilities;
3. Implementing at the community level, disaster management programmes, in collaboration with government and non-governmental organizations which have similar objectives;
4. Integrating the CARILEC Caribbean network fully into national and regional emergency management programmes.

ARTICLE THREE: AREAS OF COLLABORATION

- (i) Subject to their mandates, rules, regulations and procedures, and within the limits of available resources, the parties will collaborate in the following areas:
 - Disaster preparedness
 - Disaster response
 - Training, Education and Information sharing
- (ii) Nothing in this Agreement shall prejudice the respective relationships of the Parties with other International or Regional Organizations with compatible mandates.

ARTICLE FOUR: IMPLEMENTATION

In accordance with their respective rules, regulations and procedures, and subject to the availability of resources, the Parties will carry out the following activities:

1. CARILEC will collaborate with CDERA to:
 - a. Ensure that members of the CARILEC network and its related agencies are incorporated into national emergency management programmes and emergency information systems.
 - b. Strengthen the capabilities of the CARILEC network and its related agencies to respond to disasters and emergencies;
 - c. Identify and mobilize human, material and financial resources necessary to support disaster preparedness, response and recovery activities.

2. CDERA will collaborate with CARILEC to:

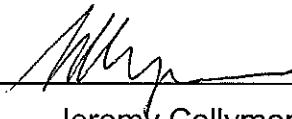
- a) upgrade the CARILEC Hurricane Action Plan (CHAP) to a comprehensive disaster management plan for its members;
- b) seek to raise the level of awareness amongst National Disaster Organisations, National Governments within CDERA's Member States and regional organizations to the rules and functions of CARILEC in disaster situations;
- c) coordinate CARILEC's disaster management activities with other international agencies/organizations, such as the Red Cross, CCS, CARITAS;
- d) facilitate the integration of CARILEC's disaster plans into national disaster plans.

3. Both parties will:

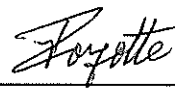
- a. exchange information , meet periodically and consult on matters of mutual interest;
- b. collaborate in disaster management training;
- c. utilize their respective newsletters and outlets to disseminate information.

ARTICLE FIVE: ENTRY INTO FORCE, AMENDMENTS AND DURATION

1. This Agreement shall come into force upon signature of both Parties.
2. This Agreement may be amended by written mutual consent of the Parties.
3. This Agreement may be terminated by either party, giving the other Party sixty (60) days notice in writing.



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Corporation (CARILEC)

Dated this 21st Day of April, 2004

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