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As the Minister with responsibility for this portfolio, I have the honor to work along with a team of dedicated professionals who are constantly finding innovative ways to improve on service to the Belizean people.

Established in 2020 under the first-ever Ministry of E-Governance, the E-Governance and Digitalization Unit is responsible for coordinating the planning and implementation of E-Governance in Belize.

The Belize Energy Unit, plans, promotes, and effectively manages all the production, delivery, and the use of energy through energy efficiency, renewable energy, and cleaner production interventions for the sustainable development of Belize.

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This website provides an insight into Belize's energy sector through its policies, projects, publications, and collaborations with national and international stakeholders.

Our team is passionate about transforming Belize's energy sector and powering a sustainable future. Dive in to discover how we're making a difference in the energy sector.

Vejea Alvarez, Love News: If you are one of the few dozens of Belizeans who use solar energy to power your home or business, you may now need to obtain a license to do so. The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has implemented new laws that will govern the transformation of the country's energy sector. Under the new SI, the commission has expanded the number of licenses required to take part in the supply, transition, distribution, and sale of energy. PUC's Director of Tariffs, Standards, and Compliance, Ernesto Gomez, spoke about the overall goal.

Ernesto Gomez, Director of Tariffs, Standards and Compliance PUC: "Many people are going forward and installing their own generation at their homes via solar panels or small little wind turbines and we find out that the old legislation did not give the powers to the PUC to license them and to bring them into they system."

Ernesto Gomez, Director of Tariffs, Standards and Compliance PUC: "What we call the small installations, the installations below 3 kilowatts which is 300 watts they're not required a license. They're required to register and they're required that BEL does an inspection that their technical equipment is to standard and will not burn or anything like that."

Vejea Alvarez, Love News: And with the changes comes a new way of calculating a person's energy



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bill if they are producing energy. The PUC is now revising its tariff structure to create a more equitable way of charging residents, who are both consumers and producers.

Vejea Alvarez, Love News: Another major change will be the introduction of a demand rate, which will vary based on an individual's peak consumption rate. The Belize Electricity Limited has already begun installing smart meters, which track usage and will aid in determining the charge, according to Gomez.

Vejea Alvarez, Love News: Persons who produce excess energy can sell power to BEL. However, they will not be collecting cash. Gomez explained that the payment would be calculated as an avoided cost and be deducted from the person's electricity bill.

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