

# JPS to Invest over \$800 Million in Munro Wind Project

Only two months after the re-commissioning of the Constant Spring Hydroelectric Plant, JPS is again laying the foundation for another renewable energy project.



Mayor of Black River, His Worship Jeremy Palmer (left), listens keenly as JPS Vice President of Generation Expansion, Valentine Fagan (centre), explains how the Munro Wind Project, will operate. Also sharing in the moment is Principal of Munro College, Branford Gayle.

This time the source is wind energy – with the prospective wind generation facilities being earmarked in the Munro / Hermitage community of St. Elizabeth.

The project will see the erection of four wind

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turbines, utilizing the most modern engineering design approved for electrical grid application. The project will cost JPS over J\$800 Million, and is scheduled for completion by the 4th quarter of 2010. It will result in the addition of 3 megawatts of electricity to the national grid.

In preparation for the new development, on Thursday, February 4, JPS hosted a public meeting at Munro College in St. Elizabeth to discuss the Environmental Impact Assessment report, in keeping with the requirements of the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA).

The discussion covered the social and economic impact

of the wind project on the communities in and around the Hermitage area; the potential impact of the wind farm on the environment and the associated mitigation measures being put in place. JPS executives assured participants in the meeting that the wind project is likely to generate about 60 jobs during the construction phase.



Principal of Munro Preparatory School, Janice Simpson (standing), makes a point at the Public Meeting held to discuss the Environmental Impact Assessment report on the Munro Wind Energy Project.

## Over 3600 cases of Electricity Theft Discovered in January

The Jamaica Public Service Co. Ltd. (JPS) is reporting success from its intensified campaign against electricity theft since the start of 2010.

The Company discovered 3,650 cases of electricity theft and had eleven persons arrested for illegal abstraction of electricity during the first month of the year.

As part of its intensified efforts, JPS' new Loss Control Division removed close to 2,000 illegal 'throw up' lines, and has

investigated several meters and detected a number of irregularities, such as line taps, meter bypasses and meter tampering.

Five of the eleven arrests were residential customers. The commercial enterprises in which irregularities were found included a wholesale supermarket, tour company,

restaurant, and clothing retailer.

JPS has earmarked J\$6 Billion over the next 5 years to fight the problem of electricity theft. Approximately 13% of electricity generated is currently lost to theft. The Company aims to reduce this amount by about 2 percentage points in 2010.



JPS workers gather illegally connected wires, which were removed in a raid in a St. Catherine community.

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## Western Teachers' Workshop Coming on Feb 12 ahead of JPS Science & Technology Expo 2010

Science teachers in Western Jamaica will be engaging in their last round of preparation for the JPS Science & Technology Expo, at the Teachers' Workshop to be held on Friday February 12, at the Wexford Court Hotel in Montego Bay.

The Expo series is held in collaboration with the

Scientific Research Council (SRC), and the Association of Science Teachers of Jamaica (ASTJ), and this year will see students from across the island, from the primary to the tertiary level, showing off their innovations and inventions around the theme, "Green Technology for Survival."

The Workshop will cover a range of important topics, including:

- Green Technology
- Proper Methodologies and Analysis of Conclusions
- How to Create a Display



Community Relations Officer, Daffodil Bruce-Miller, (standing left), encourages students at an earlier Teachers' Workshop held in preparation for the JPS Science & Technology Expo.

- Intellectual Property Rights
- Recycling

Over the 8 years of the Science & Technology Expo, previously known as the JPS Science Fair, the Teachers' Workshops have proven to be extremely beneficial in preparing students and teachers to develop on ideas that have led to the birth of outstanding projects.

The first in the series of 2010 S&T Expos will be in Mandeville on February 25, at the Golf View Hotel.

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