

REPORT – PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS AND HEARINGS

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REPORT ON THE CONSULTATION

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1. Introduction

On 30th October 2009 the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of the Virgin Islands (“TRC”) published for public consultation (the “Consultation”) its draft Guidelines for Public Consultations and Public Hearings (the “Guidelines”). The purpose of this document (the “Report”) is to explain the outcomes of the Consultation. The final Guidelines are published as a separate document.

In the draft Guidelines the TRC defined instances and manner, in which it will conduct its public consultations and public hearings. The purpose of such public consultations and public hearings is to allow the TRC to obtain input from various stakeholders in the course of implementation of its functions. The Guidelines define the methods used to inform the public of public consultations and public hearings, content of the documents published for public consultations, the manner in which the consultation period should be defined, requirements for responses, treatment of confidential information as well as how the public will be informed about the results of such consultations. The Guidelines also establish the rules for conducting public hearings.

2. Responses

The TRC has not received any comments in response to the Consultation.

3. Final measure

After reviewing the Guidelines, the TRC has decided to supplement the Guidelines with an additional provision explaining how the results of public hearings will be recorded and published. Some minor changes of mainly stylistic nature were also made. The TRC does not consider that the additional consultation on this amendment is needed as the amendments made do not constitute a material change to the Guidelines.