



## **Telecommunications Regulatory Commission**

### Notice of Public Consultation on Updated Frequency Authorisation Terms & Conditions

(6<sup>th</sup> October 2022)

#### **TAKE NOTICE THAT:**

In accordance with section 6(d) of the Telecommunications Act, 2006 (**Act**), the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of the Virgin Islands (**Commission**) is responsible for the regulation of authorisation holders in the telecommunications services industry. Additionally, in accordance with section 19(2) of the Act, a person who wishes to use the spectrum shall apply to the Commission for a frequency authorisation.

The Commission is currently in the process of considering the renewal of Frequency Authorisations (**Authorisation**), which are due to expire in 2022. Further, the Commission considers that is appropriate, in the interest of the public, and in keeping with the Commission's mandate under the Act, to review the terms and conditions of the Authorisation to ensure that they are up-to-date and more consistent with other frequency authorisations, which were previously issued by the Commission.

Accordingly, the Commission has developed a draft updated Authorisation to, *inter alia*, ensure that the radio spectrum is used efficiently, limiting interference between users and maximising benefit to consumers. The updated Authorisation will apply to frequency authorisations expiring in 2022 and may then also serve as a template for future spectrum awards and frequency authorisation renewals.

The consultation will be open to the public as we seek to receive views from all interested stakeholders, citizens and businesses of the Virgin Islands. The Commission shall, at least fourteen (14) days before the commencement of the consultation, publish notice of same on the Commission's website and in a newspaper published and circulated in the Virgin Islands.

#### **TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT:**

The Commission shall commence a public consultation on the Authorisation on 20 October 2022. In accordance with Part II, section 7(2) of the Telecommunications Code (Part 1) (Public Consultations and Public Hearings) Guidelines, 2010, responses to the public consultation shall be due 28 days from the date of publication of the consultation document. Accordingly, this consultation will close on 17 November 2022.

When published, the consultation document will be made available at the Reception desk of the office of the Commission located at 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, LM Business Centre, Fish Lock Road, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Alternatively, a copy of the consultation document will be available on our website ([www.trc.vg](http://www.trc.vg)). Instructions for responding to the consultation will be included in the consultation documents.

The person responsible for this consultation is Mr. Guy L. Malone, Chief Executive Officer, and he can be contacted at [gmalone@trc.vg](mailto:gmalone@trc.vg) concerning this consultation. All queries in relation to this consultation should be copied to Mr. Gregory Nelson, Chief Spectrum Officer, at [gnelson@trc.vg](mailto:gnelson@trc.vg).

Issued by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

(Sgd.) Guy L. Malone.

**Chief Executive Officer**