



## **Telecommunications Regulatory Commission**

Notice of Public Consultation on 5G Spectrum Strategy in the Virgin Islands

(10<sup>th</sup> April 2025)

### **TAKE NOTICE THAT:**

The Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (**Commission**) is a statutory body responsible for licensing, regulating and developing the telecommunications services industry in the British Virgin Islands (**Virgin Islands**). Among its core responsibilities are licensing telecommunications networks and services and ensuring fair and competitive practices among licensees. Additionally, the Commission is dedicated to safeguarding consumer interests and fostering sustainable growth within the telecommunications sector.

In accordance with section 6 of the Telecommunications Act, 2006 (**Act**), the Commission is entrusted with several key responsibilities. In accordance with section 6(d), it is responsible for regulating licensees and authorisation holders, as well as ensuring fair competition among all operators of telecommunications networks and service providers. Section 6(f) assigns the Commission the task of managing the radio frequency spectrum. Additionally, section 6(p) outlines the Commission's duty to monitor and protect the interests of users of telecommunications services. Finally, section 6(r) mandates the Commission to promote the systematic development of telecommunications throughout the Virgin Islands.

The Commission recognises that reliable, high-speed broadband and advancements such as Fifth Generation (**5G**) Networks are vital for innovation and development in the Virgin Islands. To support this, the Commission is assessing the potential for 5G and creating a roadmap for its implementation. A public consultation is being held to invite stakeholders to share their opinions on the proposed 5G strategy.

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

The Commission shall commence a public consultation on the 5G Strategy on 24 April 2025. Notice of any public consultation conducted by the Commission must be published on its website and in a local newspaper at least fourteen (14) days prior to the event. Further, in accordance with 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 29 May 2025.

When published, the consultation document will be made available at the Reception desk of the office of the Commission located at 3rd 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 Gregory Nelson, Chief Spectrum Officer, at [gnelson@trc.vg](mailto:gnelson@trc.vg).

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(Sgd.) Guy L. Malone.

**Chief Executive Officer**