



Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

Notice of Public Consultation on Implementation of the Industry Levy 2020/2021

(03rd October 2020)

EXPLANATION

The Commission notes that despite providing Licensees and the public with adequate opportunity to comment on the Industry Levy in the public consultation notice issued pursuant to section 63 of the Telecommunications Act 2006, that some of the Licensees in their recently filed Judicial Review Application, challenging the imposition of the Industry Levy, have sought to contend that a further public consultation on the Industry Levy ought to also have been provided under section 59 of the Act. The Commission has out of an abundance of caution taken the decision to publish a further notice under section 59.

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

In accordance with Section 59 of the Telecommunications Act, 2006 (**Act**), the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of the Virgin Islands (the **Commission**), hereby gives notice of its intent to implement the Industry Levy for the financial year 2020/2021.

On 25th September 2020, the Commission received formal notification from the Minister responsible for Finance, approving the Commission's 2020/2021 Annual Work Plan and Budget.

In accordance with section 59 of the (**Act**), the Commission is mandated to assess proportionately the Industry Levy to be paid by each licensee.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT:

The Consultation will be opened to the public for a period of seven (7) days commencing 3rd October 2020 and will close on 10th October 2020.

The person responsible for this consultation is Mr. Guy L. Malone, Chief Executive Officer, and he can be contacted at gmalone@trc.vg concerning this consultation. All queries in relation to this consultation should also be copied to Mr. Kevin Richards, Chief Financial Officer, at krichards@trc.vg

Issued by the **Commission** on the 03rd October 2020.

(Sgd.) Guy L. Malone.

Chief Executive Officer