



Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

Notice of Public Consultation on Spectrum Award 2015
(11th June 2015)

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

In accordance with Section 6(f) of the Telecommunications Act, 2006 (the "Act"), the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (the "Commission") is responsible for managing spectrum in the Virgin Islands.

The Commission is the awarding body that will grant Frequency Authorisations for the offered spectrum. Frequency Authorisations will be granted according to the procedures defined in the Telecommunications Code (Part 5) (Granting Frequency Authorisations (Interim Procedure)) Requirements, 2011.

The Commission shall hold a public consultation on the award of spectrum in the 450 MHz, 700 MHz, 1800 MHz, 1900 MHz, 2100 MHz, and 2500 MHz bands by comparative tender. The tenderers shall be limited to Unitary License Holders who operate mobile cellular networks in the Virgin Islands. Additional spectrum will allow mobile operators to serve better the likely future growth in mobile data traffic and to offer consumers faster data rates, improved coverage and capacity to support new applications. 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 Spectrum Award 2015 in late June 2015. 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. The public consultation document on the Spectrum Award 2015 will include details of the proposed comparative tender, a draft Invitation to Tender and a draft frequency authorisation. The consultation document will also describe the TRC proposals for the spectrum packages to be offered, the award process, the evaluation criteria that will be used to assign spectrum and the annual fees that will be applied in each band. The spectrum caps stipulated in the October 2011 Spectrum Management Framework - Final Statement will apply to the Spectrum Award 2015.

Issued by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission on the 11th day of June, 2015.

(Sgd.) Guy Malone
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER