



## **Telecommunications Regulatory Commission**

### **Notice of Consultation on Licence Renewal Fee Methodology**

(14<sup>th</sup> October 2021)

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

In accordance with section 6(e) of the Telecommunications Act, 2006 (**Act**), the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of the Virgin Islands (**Commission**) is responsible for determining applications for licences for any of the purposes specified in the Act. Furthermore, section 6(j) of the Act enables the Commission to collect all fees and any other charges payable to the Commission under the Act. These include, among others, the fee to be paid for renewal of a unitary licence.

The Commission is presently in the process of considering applications for renewal of operator licences. Article 5.5 of the current Licences for the Operation of Telecommunications Networks providing Telecommunications Services in the British Virgin Islands (**Licence**) specify that in the event that a Licence is renewed, fees payable for any renewal period shall be agreed upon between the Commission and the Licensee at the time the renewal is granted.

The Commission considers it appropriate to determine a fee methodology (**Methodology**) that can assist in determining the fee, as applicable to renewal of operator licences. In so doing, this will lead to a licence renewal fee that is transparent and consistent across all unitary licence holders. We are consulting on the Methodology as we recognise that it has the potential to have a significant impact on the telecommunications sector.

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 Methodology on 28 October 2021. 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 25 November 2021.

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 matter is Mr. Guy L. Malone, Chief Executive Officer, and he can be contacted at [gmalone@trc.vg](mailto:gmalone@trc.vg) concerning this Notice. All queries in relation to this matter should be copied to Chantal L. Flax-Ward, Chief Legal Advisor, at [cflax-ward@trc.vg](mailto:cflax-ward@trc.vg).

Issued by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

(Sgd.) Guy L. Malone.

**Chief Executive Officer**