



## **Telecommunications Regulatory Commission**

Notice to Adopt a Directive on the Amendment of Unitary Licences

(21<sup>st</sup> February 2022)

### **TAKE NOTICE THAT:**

On 1 March 2022, a public hearing will be held by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of the Virgin Islands (**Commission**) in relation to the proposed adoption of amendments to Unitary Licences as contained in the Notice to Adopt a Directive on the Amendment of Unitary Licences issued by the Commission on 30 December 2021 (**Notice**).

The Commission is presently in the process of considering applications for renewal of several Licences for the Operation of a Telecommunications Network Providing Telecommunications Services in the British Virgin Islands (**Licence or Unitary Licence**). In accordance with Article 3.3(d) of the Licence, the Commission may approve Licence renewal with conditions based upon the same terms and conditions of the Licence or based upon new terms and conditions which reasonably reflect changed circumstances in the telecommunications sector in the British Virgin Islands at the time of the renewal application.

The Commission considers it appropriate to amend the terms and conditions of the Licence and will do so pursuant to the procedures outlined in Article 18.5 of the Licence. As a part of the procedural rules to modify or amend a Licence as set out in Article 18.5(c), the Commission shall call a public hearing during which Unitary Licensees and those third parties with a legitimate interest that have duly filed comments or objections which the Commission deems to be substantial and relevant, shall have a right to be heard. The date of this public hearing was included in the Notice, in accordance with Article 18.5(b)(vi) of the Licence.

The public hearing will be held at the Maria's By The Sea Hotel, Waterfront Drive, Wickham's Cay, Road Town, Tortola, commencing at 9:00 a.m. Participation at the public hearing will be limited to Unitary Licensees and any interested third party that submitted a relevant comment or objection in response to the Notice dated 30 December 2021.

Covid-19 protocols will be in full effect and, as a result, spaces at the public hearing will be limited. Participants are required to pre-register their attendance by submitting the below information to the Commission at the telephone number: +1 (284) 229-4165 or email correspondence to: [contact@trc.vg](mailto:contact@trc.vg).

Please ensure to specify the following details during the pre-registration:

- A corporate body (legal person) should include:
  - the name of the company/institution/association/other organisation;
  - the name of a principal contact person; and
  - full contact details (physical address, postal address, telephone number, fax number and email address).
  
- An individual (natural) person should include name and contact details (including email).

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

In accordance with section 13(3) of the Telecommunications Code (Part 1) (Public Consultations and Public Hearings) Guidelines, 2010, a notice of public hearing shall be published by the Commission at least seven days before such hearing.



The person responsible for this matter is Mr. Guy L. Malone, the Chief Executive Officer, and he can be contacted at the email address: [gmalone@trc.vg](mailto:gmalone@trc.vg). Additionally, any query submitted in reference to this matter should be copied to Mrs. Chantal L. Flax-Ward, Chief Legal Advisor, at the email address: [cflax-ward@trc.vg](mailto:cflax-ward@trc.vg).

Issued by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2022.

(Sgd.) Guy L. Malone.  
**Chief Executive Officer**