

# **Commission**

## **Public Hearing Report on the Application for Renewal of Digicel's Licence**

6 May 2022

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## Introduction

The Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (**Commission**) is the regulatory body established under the Telecommunications Act 2006 (**Act**) with responsibility to license, regulate and develop the telecommunications services industry in the Virgin Islands and to provide for other matters connected therewith.

In accordance with section 6(e) of the Act, the Commission shall determine applications for licences for any of the purposes specified in the Act. The Commission is in the process of determining an application for renewal of a licence that was received from Digicel (BVI) Limited (**Digicel**). As a part of the renewal procedure, the Commission shall call a public hearing during which the Licensee and third parties with a legitimate interest that have duly filed comments or objections which the Commission deems to be relevant, shall have a right to be heard. The Commission held the requisite public hearing on 6 May 2022.

The Telecommunications Code (Part 1) (Public Consultations and Public Hearings) Guidelines, 2010 requires the Commission to publish a report on a public hearing on its website which summarises the submissions received and, where appropriate, explains the position of the Commission in relation to each of those submissions. Additionally, the Commission may choose to include in such a report only those submissions that it considers to be significant. The Commission, accordingly, issues this report.

This Public Hearing Report summarises the notification methods used by the Commission and comments received at the public hearing.

## Notification of the Public Hearing

Multiple methods of communications were used to notify the public of the public hearing including press releases, advertisements in the local newspaper and notifications published on the Commission's website. This section describes the meeting notification and outreach efforts in greater detail.

### *Notices and Press Releases*

The Commission received Digicel's application for renewal of its Licence for the Operation of a Telecommunications Network providing Telecommunications Services in the British Virgin Islands on 15 December 2021. Following receipt of the application for renewal, the Commission issued a notice on its website and in a local newspaper entitled '*Notice of Application for Renewal of Digicel's Licence*' dated 30<sup>th</sup> December 2021, for the purpose of notifying the public of Digicel's application for renewal of its Licence and to outline various timelines in the renewal process such as the date of the public hearing confirmed in accordance with Article 3.3(a) of Digicel's Licence. The Notice for Renewal of Digicel's licence issued by the Commission on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2021 is attached as Annex 1 and can also be found on the Commission's website at [TRC Notice: Notice of Application of Digicel's Licence.pdf](#).

The Commission issued a notice on its website on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 entitled '*Notice of Application for Renewal of Digicel's Licence*' to call a public hearing during which Digicel and any third party with a legitimate interest that filed a relevant comment or objection will have a right to be heard. The notice issued by the Commission in respect of the public hearing is attached here as Annex 2 and can also be found on the Commission's website at [TRC Notice of Public Hearing Digicel.pdf](#).

The Commission issued a press release on its website on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 entitled '*TRC to Hold Public Hearing on Digicel's Application for Licence Renewal*' to provide the public with a confirmed location, date, and time for the Public Hearing. The press release issued by the Commission on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 is attached here as Annex 3 and can also be found on the Commission's website at [TRC Press Release: Public Hearing for Digicel](#).

## **Public Hearing**

This section summarises the venue for the public hearing and describes the meeting format and content of submissions.

### ***Location and Attendance***

The public hearing on Digicel's application for licence renewal was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 9:00 a.m. and held at the Conference Room located at the Moorings, in Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands (**Public Hearing**). In addition to the physical attendances, the Public Hearing was also hosted online by way of a Zoom call to facilitate virtual attendance.

### ***Meeting Format and Content***

The Public Hearing commenced with a prayer delivered by a member of the Commission and followed by the opening statement presented by Mr. Vance Lewis, the Chairman of the Commission.

The opening statement presented by the Chairman included the introduction of the members attending on behalf of the Commission and acknowledgement of staff attending on behalf of Digicel. The Chairman acknowledged there were no members of the public attending the Public Hearing. Additionally, the Chairman noted the responsibilities and powers conferred on the Commission under the Act to determine applications for a licence, purpose of the Public hearing, and confirmed the date on which the Commission would submit the Evaluation Report to the Licensee. The representative for Digicel was then welcomed to make his submissions.

The Public Hearing continued with submissions from Jaynen Mangal, the Legal Representative for Digicel. Mr. Mangal introduced the members joining the Public Hearing on behalf of Digicel's interest. Mr. Mangal confirmed that there were no additional comments beyond the comments submitted to the Commission on 22 April 2022 and Digicel's response to the Commission's letter dated 18 March 2022 which was enclosed to the letter of objection from CCT which was dated 24 February 2022. Digicel's submissions were concluded.

The Chairman then welcomed Averad Penn, the Chief Executive Officer of CCT to make any additional submissions at the Public Hearing. Mr. Penn confirmed that there were no additional comments beyond the comments submitted to the Commission on 24 February 2022. Digicel and CCT requested and confirmed that the Commission should facilitate sharing each of the operators' responses with the other operator as it relates to any correspondences arising from Digicel's Application for Licence Renewal.

The Chairman of the Commission offered a closing statement in which he thanked everyone for attending the Public Hearing and noted that the Commission will be producing a report of the hearing to be published on the Commission's website. It was further stated that the report will summarise all submissions received, and where appropriate, the Commission will explain its position. that the Chairman explained the next steps in the renewal process which will be followed by the Commission's written decision on the renewal of the licence term, a decision that should be delivered within one hundred and twenty working days or up to one year from the date of receipt of Digicel's application for renewal.

### ***Recording of Proceedings***

A recording of the proceedings was undertaken by the Commission to assist with the development of a transcript of the Public Hearing. A copy of the transcript for Digicel is attached here as Annex 4.

## **Annex 1**

### **Notice of Application for Renewal of Digicel's Licence**



## Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

### Notice of Application for Renewal of Digicel's Licence

(30<sup>th</sup> December 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. Additionally, in accordance with section 15(2) of the Act, a person who wishes to operate a telecommunications network or provide a telecommunications service shall apply to the Commission for a licence.

The Commission is in receipt of an Application Form for a Public Supplier Licence from Digicel (BVI) Limited (**Digicel**). On 17 December 2007, Digicel was granted a Licence for the Operation of a Telecommunications Network Providing Telecommunications Services in the British Virgin Islands (**Licence**). The Licence was issued for a period of 15 years, thus expiring on 16 December 2022. Digicel now seeks renewal of this Licence, for an additional period of 15 years.

In accordance with Article 3.3(a) of the Licence, the Commission shall, within ten (10) working days from the date at which the application was received, give notice to the public by publication in the Gazette and at least one (1) domestic newspaper of general circulation. Furthermore, the Commission shall give any interested third party the opportunity to comment on or object to the application. Such interested third party must be given not less than thirty (30) nor more than forty-five (45) working days from the date of this Notice to provide their comments or objections. Accordingly, all comments on or objections to the application must be filed with the Commission on or before 24 February 2022.

All responses to this Notice shall be captioned 'Application for Renewal of Digicel's Licence' – and sent to the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, P.O. Box 4401 or 27 Fish Lock Road, 3rd Floor Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG 1110.

Responses from corporate bodies (legal persons) 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).

Responses from individual (natural) persons, should include name and contact details (including email).

#### TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT:

In accordance with Article 3.3(a) of the Licence, the Commission must send to Digicel an Evaluation Report (**Report**) within ninety (90) working days from the date of receipt of the application, which will be a matter of public record at the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission will send the Report to Digicel on 26 April 2022. The Report will be made available at the Reception desk of the office of the Commission located at 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, LM Business Centre, Fish

Lock Road, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Alternatively, a copy of the Report will be available on our website ([www.trc.vg](http://www.trc.vg)).

On 6 May 2022, a public hearing will be held at the Moorings Conference Room during which Digicel and any third party with a legitimate interest may make comments or objections on the application. This is in accordance with Article 3.3(a) of the Licence, which specifies that a public hearing must be held within ten (10) working days of the date of publication of the Report. Participation in this hearing will be limited to those persons who submitted a relevant comment or objection on the application in response to this Notice. A further notice with additional details on the public hearing will be published by the Commission at a later date.

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

(Sgd.) Guy L. Malone.

**Chief Executive Officer**



## **Annex 2**

### **Notice of Public Hearing for Renewal of Digicel's Licence**



## Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

### Notice of Application for Renewal of Digicel's Licence

(27<sup>th</sup> April 2022)

#### TAKE NOTICE THAT:

On 6 May 2022, a public hearing will be held by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of the Virgin Islands (**Commission**) in relation to Digicel (BVI) Limited's (**Digicel**) application for renewal of its Licence for the Operation of a Telecommunications Network providing Telecommunications Services in the British Virgin Islands (**Licence**). Digicel was granted a Licence by the Commission on 17 December 2007 for a period of 15 years, which expires on 16 December 2022, and Digicel is seeking renewal of this Licence.

As a part of the renewal procedure specified in Article 3.3(c) of Digicel's Licence, the Commission shall call a public hearing during which the Licensee and third parties with a legitimate interest that have duly filed comments or objections which the Commission deems to be relevant, shall have a right to be heard. The date of this public hearing was included in a previous notice issued by the Commission, in accordance with Article 3.3(a) of Digicel's Licence.

The public hearing will be held at the Moorings Conference Room, Wickham's Cay II, Road Town, Tortola, commencing at 9:00 a.m. Participation at the public hearing will be limited to Digicel and any interested third party that submitted a relevant comment or objection on Digicel's application to the Commission by 24 February 2022, in response to the Commission's notice dated 30 December 2021.

As Covid-19 protocols will be in full effect, spaces at the public hearing will be limited accordingly. Participants are required to pre-register their attendance by contacting the Commission at (284) 229-4165 or emailing [contact@trc.vg](mailto:contact@trc.vg). Please ensure to specify the following details:

- Corporate bodies (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).
- Individual (natural) persons, 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.

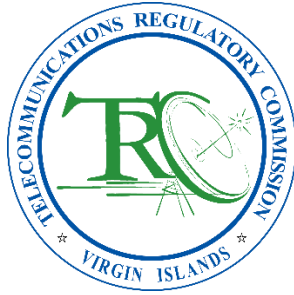
The person responsible for this matter is Mr. Guy L. Malone, Chief Executive Officer, and he can be contacted at [gmalone@trc.vg](mailto:gmalone@trc.vg) concerning this Notice. All queries in relation to this matter should be copied to Chantal L. Flax-Ward, Chief Legal Advisor, at [cflax-ward@trc.vg](mailto:cflax-ward@trc.vg).

Issued by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2022.

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

### **Annex 3**

## **TRC To Hold Public Hearing on Digicel's Application for Licence Renewal**



**PR 04/2022**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Contact:** Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

**Telephone:** 1-284-468-4165

**TRC To Hold Public Hearing on Digicel’s Application  
for Licence Renewal**

**27 April 2022** - On 6 May 2022, a public hearing will be held by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of the Virgin Islands (**Commission**) in relation to Digicel (BVI) Limited’s (**Digicel**) application for renewal of its Licence for the Operation of a Telecommunications Network providing Telecommunications Services in the British Virgin Islands (**Licence**). Digicel was granted a Licence by the Commission on 17 December 2007 for a period of 15 years, which expires on 16 December 2022, and Digicel is seeking renewal of this Licence.

As a part of the renewal procedure specified in Article 3.3(c) of Digicel’s Licence, the Commission shall call a public hearing during which the Licensee and third parties with a legitimate interest that have duly filed comments or objections which the Commission deems to be relevant, shall have a right to be heard. The date of this public hearing was included in a previous notice issued by the Commission, in accordance with Article 3.3(a) of Digicel’s Licence.

The public hearing will be held at the Moorings Conference Room commencing at 9am. Participation at the public hearing will be limited to Digicel and any interested third party who submitted a relevant comment or objection on Digicel’s application to the Commission by 24 February 2022, in response to the Commission’s notice dated 30 December 2021.

As Covid-19 protocols will be in full effect, spaces at the public hearing will be limited accordingly. Participants are required to pre-register their attendance by contacting the Commission at 284-299-4165 or emailing [contact@trc.vg](mailto:contact@trc.vg).

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**Note to Editors:**

1. The Commission is the statutory body responsible for regulating the telecommunications sector of the Virgin Islands, protecting the interests of users of telecommunications services, ensuring fair competition among operators of telecommunications networks and providers of telecommunications services.

**Annex 4**

**Transcript for Digicel's Public Hearing**

# TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC HEARING

**TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**ON APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF DIGICEL'S LICENCE**

**Friday, 06 May 2022**

**9:00 A.M.**



**Telecommunications Regulatory Commission**

**Moorings, Conference Room**  
**Road Town**  
**Tortola**  
**British Virgin Islands**

*\*A prayer was offered by a member of the Commission.*

**COMMISSION/VANCE LEWIS:** Good morning everyone, welcome.

My name is Vance Lewis. I am the Chairman of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of the Virgin Islands. Joining me at the head table for today's hearing on behalf of the Commission are:

- George Lewis, Chief Operating Officer
- Guy L. Malone, Chief Executive Officer,
- Chantal L. Flax-Ward, Chief Legal Advisor, and
- Ayanna Baptiste-Dabreo, Director of Compliance

Also, in the audience we have:

- Elford Parsons, Chief Technology Officer
- Kevin Richards, Chief Financial Officer
- Melissa Farara, Senior Economist
- Vanessa Browne, Paralegal

With Frans Vandendries, the Commission's Regulatory Consultant joining us virtually.

I wish to indicate that today's hearing is being recorded for the purposes of assisting the Commission in preparing a report on the hearing, and all submissions made during the hearing are considered non-confidential.

The Commission is the independent regulator for telecommunications in the British Virgin Islands. It was established in 2007 in accordance with the Telecommunications Act of 2006 for the purposes of this hearing, we will call it the Act, with a mandate to implement the Government's policy with respect to telecommunications as set out in the Telecommunications Liberalisation in the British Virgin Islands Policy of 2007.

In accordance with section 6(e) of the Act, the Commission is responsible for determining applications for licences for any of the purposes specified in the Act. Additionally, in accordance with section 15(2) of the Act, a person who wishes to operate a telecommunications network or provide a telecommunications service shall apply to the Commission for a licence.

On 16 December 2007, Digicel BVI Ltd. (**Digicel**), was granted a Licence for the Operation of a Telecommunications Network providing Telecommunications Services in the British Virgin Islands. The Licence was granted for a period of 15 years and expires this year on 16 December 2022. It includes a provision that Digicel may apply for renewal by submitting an application for renewal to the Commission no later than 12 months prior to the expiration of its Licence term.

On 15 December 2021, the Commission received an application for a Public Supplier Licence from Digicel, seeking renewal of its current Licence. The renewal process is governed by section 24 of the Act and Article 3 of Digicel's Licence. Since receiving Digicel's application, the Commission issued a notice on 30 December 2021 informing the public that:

- 1) Digicel had applied for renewal of its Licence term.
- 2) Comments or objections to the proposed application should be made in writing to the Commission by 24 February 2022.

- 3) An Evaluation Report would be sent to the Licensee and become a matter of public record on 26 April 2022.

This notice was issued in accordance with Article 3.3(a) of Digicel's Licence and, accordingly, published in the Gazette, a local newspaper and on the Commission's website. Further to this notice, the Commission can confirm that it received an objection from Caribbean Cellular Telephone Limited (CCT) to Digicel's application within the specified timeline.

Additionally, the Commission's Evaluation Report was submitted to the Licensee on 26 April 2022. This Report states if and to what extent the Licensee has, during the preceding Licence period up to the date of the application, complied with its Licence obligations, regulations, and orders of the Commission, and generally provided the Licensed Services and conducted business in accordance with the Laws of the Virgin Islands. The Commission's Evaluation Report was also published on the Commission's website and is available at the Commission's office for public viewing.

Today, the Commission called a public hearing in accordance with Article 3.3(c) of Digicel's Licence to allow Digicel, as the Licensee, and any third parties with a legitimate interest who may have filed relevant comments or objections on Digicel's application, to have a right to be heard. Accordingly, we invite a representative from Digicel to come forward at this time. Please introduce yourself and any other members of your team. Thank you.

**DIGICEL/JAYNAN MANGAL:** Mr. Chairman, good morning my name is Jaynen Mangal, I am Digicel's Legal Representative, and I will be assisting the team this morning. We are joined by:

- Maria Samaniego, Chief executive officer
- Raj, Technical Officer
- Rob Lyons
- Suraj Kumar
- Rob Mara
- Jaden

On the call this morning, representing Digicel's interest.

**COMMISSION/VANCE LEWIS:** This is directed to the Digicel team. Thank you for the introductions of your team. Are there any additional comments or submissions you wish to make at this point?

**DIGICEL/JAYNAN MANGAL:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. No additional comments beyond what has already been submitted to the Commission on 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2022 and in our response to your letter dated 18 March 2022 which was enclosed to the letter of objection from CCT which was dated 24 February 2022.

**COMMISSION/VANCE LEWIS:** Thank you very much for your submissions. According to the comments I made earlier, we have an objection from CCT, and I will ask Mr. Averad Penn present in the audience with a team member to come forward and please state his comments.

**CCT/AVERAD PENN:** Thank you. Good morning, I am Averad Penn, Chief Executive Officer of CCT. I am joined this morning by Ryoko Skelton, who is an Executive Assistant at Caribbean Cellular Telephone. Do you want me to give any comments I have one time?

**COMMISSION/VANCE LEWIS:** Yes.

**CCT/AVERAD PENN:** We submitted an objection on several points to Digicel's application and we don't have any further comments beyond what was presented in our February 24<sup>th</sup> letter, at this time.



**COMMISSION/VANCE LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Penn. If there are no further submissions from CCT, and in asking around here, there are no comments from the Commission's team. I will now move to the closing statement since there are no further submissions.

**CCT/AVERAD PENN:** My question is, is there a plan because obviously, we would not have been privy to the response which was given to the TRC. So my question is, is there a reply that would be provided or will it be provided at this public hearing? This is just a matter of order to understand what the process is.

**COMMISSION/VANCE LEWIS:** Thank you Mr. Penn. In accordance with the question, I will ask, Digicel whether they wish to provide any submissions and comments and responses, to the objection from CCT?

**DIGICEL/JAYNAN MANGAL:** Chairman, this is Jaynan again. I would be happy to go through Digicel's responses, if you wish it would be the same predominantly with the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April letter that we submitted. I would have expected, and our apologise Mr. Penn as well, it was our understanding that you would have received our response and perhaps would have an opportunity to either response to that in writing for certainly today, and we would have had a more constructive hearing. That being said, I am very happy to walk through the response that were submitted by Digicel if Mr. Penn is willing to bear with the 42 to 43 paragraphs that we have got, and if the Commission is minded for us to do the same, we are very happy to do that. Then perhaps, Mr. Penn may wish to respond and, or he may wish to obtain a copy of the written response in order to provide a reply. We are happy with the form to be taken as determined by yourself Chairman and members of the Commission.

**COMMISSION/VANCE LEWIS:** So, I take it that and correct me if I am wrong, you would be willing to provide your response to CCT's objection to them. You have no objection to that. And that is the first step, is that correct?

**DIGICEL/JAYNAN MANGAL:** Sorry Mr. Chairman, was that addressed to me?

**COMMISSION/VANCE LEWIS:** So, I am saying my assertion is that based on your response, a few minutes ago that you have no problem to your comments to CCT's objection being sent or disclosed to CCT.

**DIGICEL/JAYNAN MANGAL:** That's correct. Chairman. I mean, I think it would only be fair if Mr. Penn had sight of the responses, and they may wish to provide a further response. And alternatively, I'd be happy to go over them this morning and provide Mr. Penn with an opportunity to respond to us during the public hearing, and he may follow through with the written comments or at a later time. I'm happy with either step.

**COMMISSION/VANCE LEWIS:** Thank you, representative from Digicel. Mr. Penn, would your preference be for Digicel to go through the points now or for us to send it to you in writing? Or, you provide any comments after receiving?

**CCT/AVERAD PENN:** Yeah, I would much prefer to receive it in writing, so that we could evaluate it. You know, I wasn't sure what the process was going to be so we would love to receive it in writing. And if we have any comments, we'll be happy to provide those to the Commission within some period of time prescribed by yourself. Mr. Chairman.

**COMMISSION/VANCE LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Penn. And so, back to Digicel, if you are okay with this process, for the record, your response to CCT's objection will be provided in writing to them. They will in turn provide a response which will be disclosed to you. In the interest of full transparency.

**DIGICEL/JAYNAN MANGAL:** Thank you.

**COMMISSION/VANCE LEWIS:** Digicel, are there any further comments?

**DIGICEL/JAYNAN MANGAL:** We are happy with that. Just for clarity, the submission or the response that was by Digicel. I take it that within the usual course of, that it would be sent or it would be forwarded on to CCT by the Commission. And then I understand the commission would respond to that, let me just take a step back. The Commission had written to Digicel with CCT's comments with a cover note. So I take it the same process would apply. They would receive Digicel's response with a covernote, and then the same process would follow going forward. And, Mr. Chairman, that CCT's response would then be provided to us under your cover note.

I believe that is what you're saying, but we just want to be absolutely sure that we are not engaging CCT directly, so matters can be a lot clearer.

**CCT/AVERAD PENN:** Can I add one thing to that Mr. Chairman? I would agree with Mr. Mangal in terms of how I hope this will proceed. If the commission has a position on any of those matters, in addition to that, we will be very interested. I would hope that would be included within whatever cover letter that you would provide us when you send the comments to us. Otherwise, we don't hope to engage Digicel directly on this matter. We made a comment as a member of the public to this process, so we are just trying to understand exactly how we will proceed.

**COMMISSION/VANCE LEWIS:** Thank you for that. We do not expect you to engage with Digicel. The Commission will be the post-op so to speak, and we will forward the comments to both parties. If there are any relevant comments from the Commission, they will also be included. If there are not, comments will not be included.

And just to one more time, go back to Digicel. Is that fair with Digicel?

**DIGICEL/JAYNAN MANGAL:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I take your comment as well there about comments from the Commission, that would be, an ideal time to perhaps respond to some of what CCT has raised in its objection. Because it is Digicel's view and you would have seen it no doubt in our response that a number of the assertions and or targeted comments are perhaps towards the Commission, more than it would be towards Digicel. Perhaps a request for clarification from the Commission as well. I think it would also be fair that when that cover note from the Commission is provided to CCT and Mr. Penn and his team, that the same be provided to Digicel, so we may also see your responses, specifically to those matters that may have been directed at the Commission. Provided that is going to be the case. We are very much happy with that, Mr. Chairman, thank you for asking.

**COMMISSION/VANCE LEWIS:** Mr. Mangal, I will say that, as I reiterated before, the Commission will provide the responses to the various parties. The Commission is not bound to provide a response or respond to all or any of the comments, but should there be any comments that the Commission wishes to respond to or comment on, we might be minded to do that in a fully transparent manner to all parties. Should there be any.

Okay, so I just wanted to make sure once more that all parties are happy with that process.

**DIGICEL/JAYNAN MANGAL:** Yes Mr. Chairman, thank you.

**COMMISSION/VANCE LEWIS:** And, Mr. Penn has indicated in the affirmative as well?

**CCT/AVERAD PENN:** Yes, thank you Mr. Chairman.

**COMMISSION/VANCE LEWIS:** Again, hearing no further comments from the Commission at this point. If there are no objections, we will move to the closing statement.

As the Chairman of the Commission, I take this opportunity to thank everyone for attending today's hearing in relation to Digicel's application for renewal of its Licence. I also thank the Licensee for participating.

Please note that the Commission will be producing a Report of today's hearing summarizing the submissions received and, where appropriate, explain the position of the Commission in relation to anything said. This Report will be published on our website.

The next step in our licence renewal process is the continued assessment of Digicel's application followed by our written decision on the renewal of the Licence term, which should be delivered within one hundred and twenty working days or up to one year from the date of receipt of Digicel's application for renewal.

In closing, I wish to confirm that the Commission is committed to determining all applications for a licence in an objective, transparent and non-discriminatory basis. Thank you very much and I bid everyone a wonderful day.

**DIGICEL/JAYNAN MANGAL:** Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission. We appreciate your time and thank the members of CCT for their participation.

**CCT/AVERAD PENN:** Thank you everyone. Have a wonderful weekend, Mr. Chairman.