



Telecommunications Regulatory Commission
Notice of Public Consultation on Phase 1 Spectrum Release 2018
(19 July 2018)

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 further 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.

As part of its spectrum management and licencing responsibilities, the Commission will hold a public consultation on the award of spectrum in the 2.3 GHz, 2.5 GHz and 3.4-3.6 GHz LTE TDD Bands. This is in accordance with the Phase 1 Spectrum Release of the Spectrum Management Framework (SMF) 2018.¹ The spectrum that will be released is intended to facilitate the restoration of fixed communications services and the provisioning of new, high quality communications services by means of Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) technology.

The spectrum will be released by a managed assignment process. This is to facilitate a timely award process and the subsequent deployment of the FWA networks and services to the benefit of end users in 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 Spectrum Award 2018 in August 2018. 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 Phase 1 Spectrum Release 2018 will include details of the proposed award format, a draft Invitation to Apply and a draft Frequency Authorisation. The consultation document will also describe the Commission's proposals for the spectrum packages to be offered, the application and

¹ http://www.trc.vg/images/attachments/Consultations_2017/SMF%202018%20-%20Final%20Doc%20Post%20Consultation%20-%20050318%20-%20TRK%20%28004%29.pdf

award process, the terms and conditions for the use of the spectrum and the key implementation steps in the spectrum release.

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