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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **The Telecommunications Regulatory Commission announces extension of closing dates for Consultations on the Spectrum Management Framework Review and the Draft Annual Work Plan and Budget 2017/2018**

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 - *The Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (the “Commission”) announces extension of the closing dates for consultations on the Spectrum Management Framework Review and the Draft Annual Work Plan and Budget 2017/2018.*

As the Territory recoups from the impact of Hurricane Irma and Maria, the Commission has sought to support the recovery efforts. In this regard, the Commission has determined that it is appropriate to extend the closing dates for submission of responses to the consultations on the Spectrum Management Framework Review and the Draft Annual Work Plan and Budget 2017/2018, which were originally slated as 29 September 2017 and 2 October 2017, respectively.

The revised closing date for submission of a response to the consultation on the Spectrum Management Framework Review is 24 November 2017. Similarly, the revised closing date for submission of a response to the consultation on the Commission’s Draft Annual Work Plan and Budget 2017/2018 is 27 November 2017.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge and commend the works of each operator in restoring telecommunications services to the Territory. We believe that the new deadlines would give the operators and all other interested parties sufficient time to continue their restorative works and provide a comprehensive response to both consultations.

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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 interests of users of telecommunications services, ensuring fair competition among operators of telecommunications networks and providers of telecommunications services, promoting the development of telecommunications throughout the Virgin Islands and advising the Ministry of Communications and Works on telecommunications policies.