AGENDA

Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications

Monday, April 19, 2021
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room
St. Croix, VI

9:00 A.M.--CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Reading of the Agenda

BLOCK I

A discussion of Call Before You Dig Implementation and Issues, with emphasis on understanding the cause of previous failures to the system, on preventing future damage to underground facilities, and on the proper organization and functioning of the Notification Center mandated by Act No. 7798.

INVITED TESTIFIERS

• Mr. Derek A. Gabriel, Commissioner-Nominee, Department of Public Work
• Mr. Stephan Adams, CEO, Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN)
• Mr. Daryl Griffith, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority
• Mr. Noel Hodge, Acting Chief Executive Officer, V.I. Water & Power Authority
• Mr. Rupert Ross, Director, Virgin Island Bureau of Information Technology
• Mr. Chris George, Administrator, GIS Division, Office of the Lt. Governor
• Ms. Wanda Perez, Government Affairs Counsel, Liberty Mobile VI/PR
• Ms. Geraldine Pitt, CEO, Viya, Inc.
• Mr. David Zumwalt, CEO, Broadband VI

12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M.--LUNCH BREAK
BLOCK II—1:00-4:00 P.M.

An update on telecommunications services in the Virgin Islands, with emphasis on:

- Understanding the difference in rates and connection speeds between the Virgin Islands and urban areas of the continental United States;
- Understanding the changes, from a customer service perspective, resulting from the recent acquisitions of providers in the territory;
- Exploring the medium and long-term future of telecommunications in the territory.

Invited Testifiers

- Mr. Rupert Ross, Director, Virgin Island Bureau of Information Technology
- Mr. Donald Cole, Executive Director, Public Services Commission
- Ms. Wanda Perez, Government Affairs Counsel, Liberty Mobile VI/PR
- Ms. Geraldine Pitt, CEO, Viya, Inc.
- Mr. David Zumwalt, CEO, Broadband VI
- Mr. Jorge Martel, Vice-President and General Manager, T-Mobile Puerto Rico
- Mr. Michael Carty, CEO, Alliance Data Services