MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Genevieve Whitaker, Vice-Chair
   The Honorable Samuel Carrion, Member
   The Honorable Franklin D. Johnson, Member
   The Honorable Steven D. Payne, Sr., Member
   The Honorable Kurt A. Vialet, Member
   The Honorable Janelle K. Sarauw, Member

From: Marvin A. Blyden, Chairman
       Committee on Housing, Transportation and Telecommunications
       34th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

Subject: NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING

Date: April 12, 2021

Please be advised that the Committee on Housing, Transportation, Infrastructure/Telecommunications will conduct a hearing on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Frits Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix, Virgin Islands. At that hearing, the Committee will hear testimony and engage in discussion regarding the following matters:

• 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.

• 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. Derek A. Gabriel, Commissioner-Nominee, Department of Public Work
• Mr. Stephan Adams, CEO, Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN)
• 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
• Mr. Jorge Martel, Vice-President and General Manager, T-Mobile Puerto Rico

cc: All Senators
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