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Final Determination on the Proposed Revision of the Access and Interconnection Framework

The Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) has today published its Final Determination on the Proposed Revisions to the Access and Interconnection Framework (ECS 08/2015). The formal consultation was launched on 5 May 2015 with the publication of the Preliminary Determination and officially closed on 6 June 2015. Responses to the Preliminary Determination were received from the Bahamas Telecommunications Company Limited (BTC) and Cable Bahamas Ltd. (CBL).

The Final Determination on the Proposed Revisions to the Access and Interconnection Framework establishes clear timeframes and procedures applicable to the negotiation, implementation and maintenance of interconnection between licensees providing public voice telephone services. It is URCA's view that by the establishment of the timeframes, interconnection between licensees will not only be achieved in a timely and efficient manner but also that the provisions in the Final Determination ensure continuity of interconnection services between licensees.

URCA recognizes that the interconnection of public voice networks is fundamental to the development of sustainable competition in the electronic communications sector (ECS) and sees the establishment of the timeframes as contained in the Final Determination as a mechanism for ensuring effective interconnection.

The Final Determination on the Proposed Revisions to the Access and Interconnection Framework is available for download from URCA's website at [www.urbahamas.bs](http://www.urbahamas.bs).

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