

Digicel's Response to the URCA's Draft Policy for New Spectrum Bands – Additional Comments ECS 1/2012

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Consultation Question #1:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals for interim pricing of newly opened standard spectrum bands? Please provide detailed reasons for your response, including if appropriate, alternative proposals.

The URCA propose 700 MHz band at US8,000 per MHz therefore 2 x 10 will be 20 x US8,000 = US160,000. Based on our calculations and if one assumes that this would be an annual fee, then, it is probably about right.

Consultation Question #2:

Do you agree with URCA's approach to the geographical categories for licensing of newly opened spectrum bands? Please provide detailed reasons for your response, including if appropriate, alternative proposals.

In our opinion the Bahamas is too small for geographical licensing. We would suggest that it should be countrywide licenses.

Consultation Question #3:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals for licensing the 700 MHz band? Please provide detailed reasons for your response, including if appropriate, alternative proposals.

Digicel would recommend that URCA adopt the US scheme for the 700 MHz band as per previous comments.

Consultation Question #4:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals for packaging, pricing and licensing the 11 GHz band? Please provide detailed reasons for your response, including if appropriate, alternative proposals.

Digicel has no opinion on this question.

Consultation Question #5:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals for packaging, pricing and licensing the 12 GHz band? Please provide detailed reasons for your response, including if appropriate, alternative proposals.

See answer to Question 4.

Consultation Question #6:

Do you agree with URCA's proposals for packaging, pricing and licensing the 42 GHz band? Please provide detailed reasons for your response, including if appropriate, alternative proposals.

See answer to Question 4.

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