



NOTICE OF THE UTILITIES REGULATION AND COMPETITION AUTHORITY'S (URCA) NON-OBJECTION TO THE BAHAMAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY'S (BTC) AMENDMENTS TO THE REFERENCE ACCESS AND INTERCONNECTION OFFER

PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT, 2009

1. On 8 May 2023, the Bahamas Telecommunications Company (“BTC”) provided advanced written notice to the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (“URCA”) of BTC’s intention to amend its Reference Access and Interconnection Offer (Version 1.5) (“RAIO”) pursuant to paragraph 7.3 of the Access and Interconnection Guidelines ECS 14/2010 (“Guidelines”)¹.
2. For URCA’s consideration in this matter, BTC also submitted (a) a red-line copy of the of the RAIO reflecting BTC’s proposed amendments to same and (b) a list of persons that BTC identified as parties to an access and interconnection agreement with BTC subject to the RAIO (“interested persons”).
3. BTC summarized its proposed amendments to the RAIO to URCA as follows:
 - an update to BTC’s current address.
 - deletion of Operator Assistance references and service schedule.
 - amendment of the Joining Service description to include SIP.
 - deletion of Time Division Multiplexing.
 - amendment of Points of Interconnection Switch Model and manufacturer to reflect current information.
 - minor spelling and grammatical errors.
4. For the purposes of sections 11 and 13 of the Communications Act, 2009 (“Comms Act”), BTC invited each of the interested persons to provide comments to URCA with respect to BTC’s proposed RAIO amendments.
5. Having regard to BTC’s representations to URCA regarding its proposed amendments to the RAIO and the comments received by URCA from interested parties with respect to the

¹ Available at <https://www.urbahamas.bs/consultations/final-guidelines-access-interconnection/>

same, on 21 June 2023 URCA advised BTC that it had no objection to the BTC's proposed amendments to the RAIO.

6. Consequently, pursuant to section 8(1)(e) of the Comms Act and paragraphs 6.2, 6.3 and 7.4 of the Guidelines, URCA directed BTC to (a) publish the revised RAIO incorporating BTC's said proposed amendments to same on a prominent place on BTC's website, and (b) ensure that all existing agreements subject to the RAIO incorporate BTC's said proposed amendment to same **on or before Thursday, 3 August 2023**.