

CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Recommendation of the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority ("ECTEL") To the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission to consult On

The Draft Electronic Communications (Net Neutrality) Regulations

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The National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission is in receipt of a submission from ECTEL containing ECTEL's recommendations on **Draft Electronic Communications (Net Neutrality) Regulations** in the ECTEL Member States

1. Draft copies of the following are attached:
 - i. Draft Electronic Communications (Net Neutrality) Regulations; and
 - ii. Explanatory Memorandum.
2. The initial comments period will run from **31st July, 2019 to 21st August, 2019**.
3. The Comment on Comments period will run from **22nd August, 2019 to 29th August, 2019**
4. Following the receipt of comments on Comments, ECTEL will convene a meeting of stakeholders to discuss and finalise the Draft Electronic Communications (Net Neutrality) Regulations. The ECTEL's Directorate will revise and submit the final Draft Electronic Communications (Net Neutrality) Regulations to the Board of Directors for approval, and to the Council of Ministers for its approval and recommendation for adoption in the ECTEL Member States.
5. All responses to this Consultative Document should be written and sent by post, fax or e-mail to—

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Suggested Guidelines for Responses to Consultations

In order to promote faster processing of views expressed and to reduce administrative delays in ECTEL's public consultation process, ECTEL hereby recommends that a party that wishes to make a contribution to the attached consultation, must follow the procedures outlined below. ECTEL would therefore be grateful if all parties could please observe these guidelines where possible.

- 1) Responses to consultations should be clearly labeled as a response to the particular ECTEL consultation and correctly referenced by title.
- 2) Documents should contain the Name of Party/Licensee/NTRC commenting, address, telephone and fax number, and email contacts of commentary author or corporate officer(s) responsible for the completion of the document. This information will enable ECTEL to clarify any comments where necessary, or to facilitate follow-up dialog by ECTEL where required.
- 3) Commenting parties should avoid making comments in the form of tracked changes to consultation documents.
- 4) Where possible, all documents should be submitted in PDF format.
- 5) Where possible, the parties should make explicit reference to academic articles, legislative provisions in other jurisdictions, or other sources relied on, and should provide copies of these together with comments. Accurate citations of resources relied on will suffice if copies cannot be provided.
- 6) Where the parties are commenting on specific provisions of legal language, alternative language should be proposed where possible. Such language should be appropriately highlighted and double spaced. The parties should avoid proposing alternative language in tracked changes to the consultation document.

ECTEL is grateful to those parties adopting the recommended guidelines for submitting comments.