



TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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COMMISSION DECISION 2011 – 7

Re: Spectrum Licences and Fees

Background

From the inception of the Telecommunications Commission all licenses were recommended by the Commission to the Minister for approval, and the Attorney General Chambers used one licence document the “Telecommunications and Spectrum Licence” to license the telecommunications providers in the Turks and Caicos Islands. However, it became increasingly difficult to ensure that necessary amendments to the licence document were done in a timely manner, especially matters relating to changes of spectrum assignments. These delays have made it difficult for the Carriers in implementing their networks.

The Board reviewed the Commission’s processes in light of the Telecommunications Ordinance to ensure that it was conducting all our affairs in harmony with the law. After careful consideration, the Board has decided the following:

COMMISSION DECISION

At its meeting of April 14, 2011, the Commission has considered the matter of licensing spectrum in the Turks and Caicos Islands and has determined that Spectrum licensing falls under the sole mandate of the Telecommunications Commission and that in future all licensing of spectrum activity will be done by the Commission. To that end all fees for spectrum use will be remitted and managed by the Commission.

At its June 9, 2011 sitting, the Board approved the Spectrum Licence document to be used to regulate spectrum within the Turks and Caicos Islands and directed that it be sent to the carriers for their review and signature of approval.