### **CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

# Recommendation of the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority ("ECTEL")

# To the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission to consult on the Proposed Changes to the Universal Service Fund in the ECTEL Member States

#### **Comment on Comments**

### No. 02/2016 February 2016

- 1. The National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission received a submission from ECTEL containing ECTEL's recommendation for the Proposed Changes to the Universal Service Fund in the ECTEL Member States.
- 2. A copy of the Consultation Document on the Proposed Changes to the Universal Service Fund in the ECTEL Member States is available on the ECTEL website (<a href="www.ectel.int">www.ectel.int</a>) and copies can be made available upon request from the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission.
- 3. The Initial Comments period was set for 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016, and was later extended to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.
- 4. ECTEL received comments from:
  - a. Cable & Wireless/LIME
  - b. Digicel
  - c. Flow/Columbus Communications
  - d. Canto
  - e. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
  - f. NTRC Grenada
  - g. NTRC Saint Lucia
  - h. NTRC St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- 5. These initial comments are hereto attached and ECTEL now invites comment to these comments.

- 6. The Comment on Comments period will run from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016.
- 7. Following the Reply Comments period, ECTEL's Directorate will make a final determination on the recommendations for Proposed Changes to the Universal Service Fund in the ECTEL Member States.
- 8. All responses to this Consultative Document should be written and sent by fax or email **no later than 4:30 pm Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016** to: -

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The following are the comments submitted during the initial consultation period: