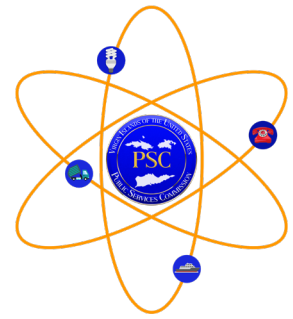




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**PSC Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 10, 2024**  
**Telecommunication Matters**

US VIRGIN ISLANDS – The Virgin Islands Public Services Commission (PSC or the Commission) held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, to address various issues concerning its regulated utilities. The meeting began with an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation; no actions or motions were taken during this session.

Five companies are currently eligible for renewal as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers to receive USF funding a total of \$14,067,870 in FY2025. The Commission has received reports provided by its consultants at Vantage Point.

The five Companies that came before the Commission for ETC renewal were:

1. Broadband VI, LLC (BBVI) – The FCC awarded Broadband VI \$84.5 million over ten years but required completion of this project within five years. Liberty, which has subsequently acquired Broadband VI, has fallen drastically behind in the build-out, however, they continue to work with the Water and Power Authority (WAPA) and the Department of Public Works (DPW) to complete the project. The DPW is responsible for permitting the roadways, where much of the undergrounding is being accomplished. The work with WAPA is to gain access to existing poles and WAPA-owned underground conduits. At the recommendation of the Vantage Point Consultant, BBVI was granted ETC renewal.
2. AT&T Mobility/Liberty – Granted ETC Renewal
3. VITELCO/VIYA - Granted ETC Renewal
4. Choice/VITELCOM/Viya – Granted ETC Renewal

In addition, last year the Commission concluded its rate investigation of the Virgin Islands Telephone Company (VITELCO, dba Viya) and determined to impose a rate cap on VITELCO, permitting it to lower rates to meet competition. In addition, the Commission granted in part VITELCO's Petition for Forbearance reducing the regulatory requirements that applied to only

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that telephone service due to increased competition. At Tuesday's meeting, the updated tariffs as well as Terms and Conditions for service were approved, along with its ETC Renewal.

All five Commissioners were in attendance for the meeting. Both ex-officio members were absent.

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