GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF THE UNITED STATES

Public Services Commission

IN RE:

INVESTIGATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS TELEPHONE CORPORATION DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE ) Docket No. 628
) Order No. 14/2015

ORDER

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2008, the Virgin Islands Public Services (hereinafter "PSC" or "Commission") completed its rate investigation for the Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation d/b/a Innovative Telephone (hereinafter "Innovative Telephone") in Docket 578, Order No. 13/2009; and

WHEREAS, in Docket 578 Innovative Telephone was directed to file for a new depreciation schedule and advised that it would not be able to rely on the existing depreciation schedule for any new rate proceedings; and

WHEREAS, in December 2009, Innovative Telephone filed a depreciation study with the Commission; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Commission approved a Transfer of Control Agreement for Innovative Telephone and St. Thomas-St. John and St. Croix Cable Television, which provided for a four year rate freeze in Docket 582; and

WHEREAS, in September 2012, Innovative Telephone requested suspension of the depreciation investigation and closure of Docket 598; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Order the four year rate freeze has now expired and prior to the initiation of a new rate case a new depreciation schedule is essential to have accurate and consistent financial information; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2014, the Commission met in regular session at both its offices on St. Croix and St. Thomas and reopened Docket 628 and APPOINTED Attorney Lorin M. Kleeger as Hearing Examiner to preside over the proceedings in Order No. 41/2014; and

WHEREAS, in PSC Order No. 55/2014, the Commission rescinded Atty. Kleeger's Appointment as Hearing Examiner; and
WHEREAS, on December 16, 2015, the Commission met in regular session at both its offices on St. Croix and St. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, upon review and deliberation the Commission voted to appoint Attorney Ronald W. Belfon as Hearing Examiner to preside over the proceedings in Docket 628; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission ORDERS that Attorney Ronald W. Belfon is APPOINTED as Hearing Examiner to preside over the proceedings in Docket 628.

So Ordered.

For the Commission

Date: January 23, 2015

JoHan Clendenin, Chair

Nunc Pro Tunc to: December 16, 2015