

**GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF THE UNITED STATES**

Public Services Commission

IN RE:

INVESTIGATION OF THE VIRGIN)	Docket No. 628
ISLANDS TELEPHONE CORPORATION)	Order No. <u>14</u> /2015
DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE)	
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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WHEREAS, in PSC Order No. 55/2014, the Commission rescinded Atty.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