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AGENDA

Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications

Wednesday, January 24, 2024
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers
St. Thomas, VI

10:00 A.M.--CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Reading of the Agenda

BLOCK I

Telecommunications Update in light of an upsurge in consumer complaints, unresolved issues between providers and regulatory agencies, and the ongoing crisis of affordability. Topics of particular interest include:

- *An update on any ongoing network or other issues impacting the quality of service, along with actions plans to address any such matter;*
- *Status of present infrastructure projects and plans for future development, with a focus on planning and utilization of federal broadband funding;*
- *Plans for improving and expanding customer service, connections speeds and service coverage areas in the Virgin Islands;*
- *Issues and challenges regarding coordination between telecommunications providers and government agencies on issues such as permitting, access to poles and conduits, customer service issues, etc.; and*
- *Affordability of internet access in general, and for our territory's students in particular, including utilization of the expanded Affordable Connectivity Program.*

INVITED TESTIFIERS

- The Honorable Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, Department of Education
- The Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

- The Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources
- Ms. Jenifer O’Neal, Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Mr. Andrew Smith, CEO, Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority
- Ms. Sandra Setorie, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Public Services Commission
- Mr. Stephan Adams, CEO, Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN)
- Ms. Wanda Perez-Alvarez, Esq., Government Affairs Counsel, Liberty Mobile PR/VI
- Ms. Geraldine Pitt, CEO, Viya, Inc.
- Mr. Mark Hodge, Legal Counsel, T-Mobile, VI

12:30 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M.--LUNCH BREAK

CONTINUATION OF BLOCK I—1:00-4:00 P.M.