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The Honorable Marvin A. Blyden
Chairman
Committee on Housing, Transportation, & Telecommunications
35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
Capitol Building, PO Box 1690
St. Thomas, VI 00804

RE: Status of Telecommunication Permitting in the Territory

Dear Chairman Blyden:

The Department of Planning & Natural Resources (DPNR) is unable to attend the October 3, 2023 hearing in person due to previously scheduled commitments for me and my senior leadership team. As our participation is likely to provide information on the status of permitting, I am providing a spreadsheet for applications received related to telecommunications. You will see that most permits applied for to date have been approved; however, there are a few applications that are incomplete for various reasons. The Department is awaiting the submission of additional information by the respective applicants to resume the permitting process.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jean-Pierre L. Oriol Commissioner

Cc: Amanda Jackson-Acosta, Director, Division of Permits

Marlon Hibbert, Director, Division of Coastal Zone Management

Leia LaPlace, Territorial Planner, Division of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning