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P R E S S R E L E A S E

PUC Extends Deadline For Comments on Orders in Telecommunications

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has extended the deadlines for the receipt of written comments on Orders the PUC has issued, and intends to issue, for the better regulation of the Telecommunications Industry.

It may be recalled, that the PUC issued a public notice on January 7, 2010, of its intention to issue an Order to establish General Authorisations in respect of Class Licences and general criteria for the issuance of Individual Licences pursuant to the governing legal framework.

In that regard, the PUC has postponed the intended date for issuing the proposed Order, and has extended the deadline for written comments to be received from the general public, including licensees, to March 17, 2010.

Additionally, the PUC issued two Orders on February 12, 2010, namely: **Belize Telecommunications General Order (Interconnection, Infrastructure Sharing, International Access) No. 1 of 2010** and **Belize Telecommunications Interconnection and Infrastructure Sharing Regulations Order, 2010**. Both Orders contained provisions for them to be reviewed and amended within twenty-eight (28) days of their issue.

In this regard, the Commission has extended the deadline for receipt of written comments on the two Orders, to March 24, 2010.

Interested parties may send written comments and representations to the Public Utilities Commission, 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, or by e-mail to info@puc.bz.

Details of the extended deadlines are contained in a Public Notice being printed in this week's newspapers. The full texts of the two named Orders above, as well as the Public Notice, are available to the general public on the PUC website, www.puc.bz, and are available for viewing at the offices of the PUC. (ENDS)