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Mr. John Williams, Director General Turks and Caicos Islands Telecommunications Commission Business Solutions Building, Leeward Highway Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands

Dear Mr. Williams,

RE: The Turks and Caicos Islands Telecommunications Commission Invitation to Comment on National Fiber Ring Proposal August 30, 2016:

Andrew's Communications Ltd is please to comment.

## **Background:**

Andrew's Communications Ltd historically has been working with the aim to provide all of our Services to every inhabited Island of the Turks and Caicos. In our 1997 application to the Turks and Caicos Islands Government, ACL proposed the National Ring. An Annex to Andrew's Communications Ltd License 2006 was the National Ring.

## **Comments:**

While "Part B: General Request" of the Commission's Invitation:

Fiber Route Options 1, 2, 3, all, per request, are deep water fiber; which on installation cost may seem most attractive, life-time maintenance cost may prove to be prohibitive.

Landing Sites Concepts; while 3.1 through 3.6 may at this juncture appear most effective, efficient and less costly; installation to connect other Landing Sites, would once again require, consultation papers, marine engineering study/permits, environment study/permits, planning study/permits, construction, vendors' ROM and multiple other

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factors and or additional factors creating additional costs to Owners/Operators/Management.

Andrew's Communications Ltd has not only spent years of study as to optimal solution(s), but have invested financially to obtain such solution(s), as the National Ring has been a part of our vision.

Therefore, ACL recommend that the Turks and Caicos Island Telecommunications Commission provide by way of issuing a License to ACL to develop and manage the Installation and Commissioning of The Turks and Caicos Islands National Ring.

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