

TCITC PUBLIC NOTICE 2011 – 2

Re: Spectrum Plan

25 January 2011

Telecommunications Commission Turks and Caicos Islands

Turks and Caicos Islands Spectrum Plan/Table of Frequency Allocations

WHEREAS, the Telecommunications Commission pursuant to sections 30 and 39 of the Telecommunications Ordinance 2004, and section 4 of the Frequency Management Regulations 2005, is initiating the present consultation process on the Spectrum Plan of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission announces the release for comments and consultation of the *Turks and Caicos Islands Spectrum Plan/Table of Frequency Allocations* document. At present this proposed plan will serve as the Interim Spectrum Plan for Turks and Caicos Islands, and will be used as a guide to the various operators for the use of the frequency bands. This proposed spectrum plan is based on the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) recommendations, and it encompasses most of the decisions adopted by the ITU at the World Radio Conference 2007 (WRC-2007).

The *Turks and Caicos Islands Spectrum Plan/Table of Frequency Allocations* allocates frequency bands to radio services within the scope of the International Table and as required to meet Turks and Caicos Islands needs. The footnotes provide the particular provisions and conditions for use of those radio services in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

ACCORDINGLY, the Commission invites comments from interested parties on this revised Interim Spectrum Plan which will be taken into consideration for the adoption of a Final Spectrum Plan for the Turks and Caicos Islands. In your comments please respond to the following.

1. Comment on the Turks and Caicos Islands Table of Frequency Allocations, including the ITU footnotes identified as applicable to the Turks and Caicos Islands.
2. Comment on the specific Turks and Caicos Islands Footnotes, and, in particular, on the frequency bands identified for specific services.
3. Please indicate any additional frequency bands that could be identified in a Footnote for future public telecommunications services.
4. Please indicate any additional frequency bands that could be identified in a Footnote for licence-exempt use.
5. Please indicate any specific frequency bands that could be identified for other uses.

6. Comment on the channeling plans provided for the 850, 900, 1800, 1900 and 2000 MHz Public Telecommunications Services.
7. Please identify any additional frequency bands for which a band plan could be required.

Comments should be submitted to the Commission within 5 weeks of the publication of this notice, and should reach the Commission by Monday, February 28, 2011, at their office at the Business Solution Complex, Leeward Highway, Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands, or by mail to P.O. Box 203, Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands, or electronically via email at consultation@tcitelecommission.tc. All submissions should be filed electronically even if also filed in paper form.

FURTHER, the present consultation process also permits any party to submit reply comments in reply to any matters contained in another party's comments filed with the Commission by the stipulated deadline of February 28, 2011. Any such reply comments must be filed with the Commission in the same manner as described above and must be received by the Commission on or before 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 7, 2011.

Obtaining Copies

Copies of the *Turks and Caicos Islands Spectrum Plan/Table of Frequency Allocations* are available electronically on the Turks and Caicos Telecommunications Commission Web site at: <http://www.tcitelecommission.tc>