

# **UNITED STATES AND JAMAICA REGULATOR CONSULTATIONS ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

## **Work Program For 2000**

### **1. Introduction**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of the United States of America and Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) of Jamaica, desiring to expand their collaboration on issues of mutual interest, have agreed on the following program of cooperative activities to be accomplished during the 2000-2001 period.

### **2. Work Program**

- 2.1 **Competition in long distance service and mobile services markets:** The FCC and OUR will exchange information and experiences on key issues related to the promotion of competition in the markets for long distance and mobile telecommunications services. The discussion will include questions related to management of numbering resources.
- 2.2 **Internet for Development:** The two agencies will discuss policy approaches for extending the impact of the Internet revolution in traditionally under-served rural areas. The development of local capability to use Internet resources will receive special attention.
  - 2.2.1 In implementing this action item, the FCC will coordinate with other relevant agencies of the United States government to ensure that OUR has a comprehensive view of the U.S. experience in this area.
- 2.3 **Spectrum Management:** The FCC (in consultation with other relevant U.S. agencies) and the OUR (in consultation with the Ministry of Commerce and Technology), will continue to exchange experiences regarding Jamaica's plans to establish an office of spectrum management.
  - 2.3.1 In implementing this action item, the FCC will coordinate with other relevant agencies of the United States government to ensure that the OUR has a comprehensive view of the U.S. experience in this area.

2.4 **Tariff Rebalancing and Universal Service:** The FCC and the OUR will continue to exchange views and experiences on policies to promote universal service while ending implicit subsidies and introducing competition to the telecommunications marketplace.

2.5 **Rulemaking Procedures and the Public Process:** In support of the OUR's implementation of Jamaica's new telecommunications law, FCC and OUR experts will exchange information on a range of issues related to regulatory process related to managing an effective, transparent and independent regulatory process. Issues to be addressed include:

2.5.1 internal agency structure;

2.5.2 the rulemaking process and transparency;

2.5.3 the proper role of, and ethical standards for regulatory and policy making staff;

2.5.4 the processing of applications and delegation of authority; and

2.5.5 "conflict of interest" management.

2.6 **Telecommunications training**

The FCC and the OUR will seek to expand training and other personnel development activities for OUR staff, including expanded use of the FCC International Visitors Program.

2.7 **Other Exchanges**

Throughout the year, the FCC and OUR will exchange information on other regulatory issues relating to telecommunications, including developments of mutual interest in the International Telecommunication Union and the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission, trends in technology, satellite licensing issues, and operational aspects of communications services, including experimental authorizations and new services.

### **3.0 Implementation**

3.1 Implementation activities under this work program are subject to the resources constraints of both organizations and may be modified as necessary by mutual agreement.

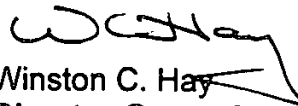
- 3.2 The officials with overall responsibility for monitoring implementation of this work program are for the Federal Communications Commission, Roderick K. Porter, Deputy Chief, International Bureau; and for the Office of Utilities Regulation, C. Courtney Jackson, Deputy Director General (Telecommunications).

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