



Statement

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Pole Attachment Industry Working Group

On 20th December 2016, the Information and Communications Technology Authority ('**ICTA**') commenced the Pole Attachment Industry Working Group (the '**Industry Working Group**') - to address various issues related to the installing and maintaining of attachments of communication cables to the electricity poles owned by Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. ('**CUC**').

The Industry Working Group will be managed through meetings of the relevant Licensees' representatives, who have various Roll-out obligations for delivery of ICT Networks and Services over a fibre optic network across the jurisdiction. These meetings will be held at the ICTA's offices, with a view to facilitating open, honest and genuine collaboration between Licensees.

The ICTA's initiative to form this Industry Working Group arises from numerous outstanding issues and various disputes observed over several years between various Licensees. These issues and disagreements have resulted (in the ICTA's view) in a highly inefficient and arbitrary process with substantial delays regarding the installation and maintenance of attachments of communication cables to the electricity poles owned by CUC.

The ICTA considers that an effective process relating to the installing and maintaining of attachments of communication cables to the electricity poles owned by CUC is fundamental for the timely rollout of ICT networks across the Cayman Islands, which is necessary for the promotion of competition and choice for consumers of ICT services and ICT networks.