



**GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA**  
**Ministry of Energy, Telecommunications and E-Commerce**  

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**Department of Telecommunications**

**Date:** 27 July 2010  
**Ref:** DOT 206/201/1

**To:** All Carriers

**Re: Invitation to Submit Reply Comments Regarding the Draft Regulatory Authority Act 2010 and Draft Electronic Communications Act 2010**

The Ministry of Energy, Telecommunications and E-Commerce (“METEC”) welcomes the comments that were submitted in response to the Consultation Paper issued on 3 May 2010. The Consultation Paper sought the views of interested parties on the Draft Regulatory Authority Act 2010 and the Draft Electronic Communications Act 2010. Following release of the Consultation Paper, METEC conducted a two-day workshop with industry. Numerous parties participated in the workshop and filed written comments in response to the Consultation Paper. Copies of these comments may be found on METEC’s website.<sup>1</sup>

In response to industry’s request for an opportunity to reply to the initial round of comments, METEC hereby invites parties to submit reply comments. Reply comments should focus on points raised in the initial round of comments that the parties believe have not already been adequately covered. METEC will take these comments into account when finalising the draft bills for tabling in the Parliament.

Any party that wants to submit reply comments for the purpose set forth above should do so no later than 5 PM on 30 August 2010. Please submit your electronic responses by email to [gtelecom@gov.com](mailto:gtelecom@gov.com) and 10 hard copies delivered by hand to:

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All reply comments should be clearly marked “REPLY Comments on Draft Telecommunications Regulatory Reform Legislation” and should comply with the following:

- Electronic responses should be submitted in **both** MS Word and PDF formats.
- Reply comments should contain the name of the commenting party, and all relevant contact information, on the front cover.
- Reply comments should respond to the points made in the first round of comments in this consultation. Where feasible, commenters should identify (by name and page) the specific comment to which they are responding.
- Parties are requested not to repeat arguments that they made in their initial comments.
- Reply comments should have a table of contents and, if longer than ten pages, an executive summary.
- If a commenting party did not participate in the initial round of this consultation, the party’s reply comments should include a brief statement identifying the commenter’s interest. For example, if the commenter is an actual or potential telecommunications provider, the commenter should describe its actual or potential operations. If the commenter is a user of telecommunications services, the commenter should indicate the types of services used.

METEC plans to schedule one-on-one meetings with industry participants to discuss their views regarding the proposed legislation and related matters during the month of September.

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Sincerely,



Hiram Edwards

Acting Director – Department of Telecommunications