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Draft 2023 – 2026 Electronic Communications Sector Policy Released

The Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) has released a draft revised 2023 – 2026 Electronic Communications Sector Policy (ECS Policy), which revises the ECS Policy published in the Official Gazette on 19th March, 2020. As with the preceding policy documents, this 2023 draft policy document provides a three-year outlook for the Electronic Communications Sector (ECS) in The Bahamas.

On 12th September 2023, Minister with responsibility for the ECS¹ (the Minister) authorised URCA's release of the draft revised ECS Policy document and requested URCA to conduct a consultation with relevant stakeholders on behalf of the Minister in relation thereto.

This public release follows URCA's formulation and presentation of a draft revised ECSP to the Minister pursuant to section 6(3) of the Communications Act, 2009. The draft revised ECS Policy document reference ECS 11/2023 sets out the Government's strategic aims and policy objectives for the ECS over the next three years. It also articulates regulatory priorities for URCA's implementation over the policy period.

The draft policy document, which has been published on URCA's website www.urbahamas.bs, may also be obtained from URCA's office at Frederick House, Frederick Street, New Providence. **Interested persons are invited to submit comments to URCA on the document by 23 October 2023.**

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