

September 5, 2019

Ms. Dela Britton Chairperson Public Utilities Commission 106 New Garden Street Queenstown, Georgetown.

Dear Ms. Britton,



Re: Notice of Public Hearing - Ramon Gaskin

We write further to the notice of public hearing received by our offices on August 29, 2019 pertaining to a complaint made by Ramon Gaskin that was brought to our attention on June 28, 2019. The Guyana Telephone and Telegraph Company ('GT&T') notes a point of procedure to the notice that has been issued pursuant to the relevant sections of the Public Utilities Commission ('PUC') Act. Section 56 of the PUC Act states the following:

'Where the Commission proposes to initiate proceedings under this Act against public utility, the Commission shall serve on the public utility a notice stating the reasons for the initiation of the proposed proceedings with the particulars relating thereto, and the date, time and place of hearing'

The Notice that has served on GT&T on the 29th day of August, 2019 states that 'the Commission will be conducting an investigation into the billing format of GT&T and other matters connected with and/or incidental thereto'. The Notice issued has not indicated the reasons why the hearing and what exactly are the issues that are been investigated into by the Commission. The investigation being 'other matters connected with and/or incidental thereto (...)' is not instructive as to what is the exact nature and purpose of these proceedings.

As it is, based on the notice GT&T would only be addressing the particulars of Ramon Gaskin's complaint as is.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Reynolds

VP, Legal & Regulatory Affairs

GT&T



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6th September, 2019

Mr. Justin Nedd Chief Executive Officer Guyana Telephone & Telegraph Co. Ltd Brickdam Georgetown

Dear Mr. Nedd

Re: Notice of Public Hearing-Ramon Gaskin

The Commission acknowledges receipt of GT&T's letter which is dated September 5, 2019 on the captioned subject.

The issues as contained in the complaint filed by Mr. Ramon Gaskin of 75 Dennis Street, Campbellville, Georgetown generally relate to the new format of your bills. Please be reminded that this is a public hearing and as such there may be other issues raised by consumers touching on your billings/ billing format. The Commission will allow those queries to be made and GT&T will be afforded an opportunity to clarify same.

As the regulator, the Commission is of the view that these for offer a platform for any utility company and indeed GT&T to *do more* by educating and disseminating valuable information to your customers as it relates to your quality of service, hence the all-encompassing 'other matters connected with and/or incidental thereto.'

I trust that this letter has remedied any purported defect in the complaint.

Yours sincerely

Dela Britton Chairman

c. Mr. Mark Reynolds, Vice-President, Legal & Regulatory Affairs