

Public Utilities Commission (PUC)
Operating Budget and Work Program for 2020
Pursuant to the Public Utilities Commission Act, R.S.A. c. P175
Section 17(1) (b)

1. **Introduction** – The following is a description of the PUC’s annual work program for 2020. The description of the work program with the estimates of income and expenditure for 2020 is hereby submitted to the Governor-in-Council for consideration pursuant to s.17(1)(b) of the PUC Act
2. **Proceedings** – Proceedings related to the coordination of frequency authorisations for 3/4G and LTE mobile services with the Administrations of St. Martin/St. Maarten were completed in 2016. Further bilateral discussions between St. Maarten and Anguilla to agree the sharing of some bands will be continued in 2020.
3. **Spectrum** – The Commission got support from the Bureau of Telecoms and Post in St. Maarten to carry out joint monitoring here in Anguilla during the year using their advance equipment. These will continue during 2020 with similar sessions in Sint Maarten and St Martin.
4. **Radio Frequency Study** -The Radio Frequency (RF) exposure study by the inter ministry team to map the types and distribution of the sources of RF exposure did not resume this year. The PUC does not have the RF monitoring equipment required to carry out the study. It is anticipated that this will be available after the completion of negotiations between the Government and the Caribbean Beacon Radio (Westcott Christian Centre) for the renewal of their license.
5. **Interconnection** – There are no interconnection proceedings pending or planned for 2020. However, such proceedings may arise as a result of pricing complaints filed by licensed operators or by consumers.
6. **Numbering** – There are no plans to implement number portability for 2020. However, the PUC is monitoring its recent implementation in the ECTEL region and the current consultation in the Turks and Caicos Islands.
7. **Service Level Commitments** – The Commission began consultation with the operators on Service Levels Commitments in 2017. These were suspended in 2018 due to disruption by Hurricane Irma in September 2017 and were not restarted. It was expected that public consultation on these commitments would have been carried out in 2019, however, the lack of response from one operator it has been deferred until 2020. The results of the consultants will be shared with the operators with a view to reviewing the existing standards.
8. **Human Resources Development** –During 2020 the Commission will continue a programme of staff development. This will take the form of selected training courses and online qualifications from an accredited institution.

The Commission will endeavour to provide two online training courses to members of staff, one a MSc. utility regulation to another and specialised training in Utility costing. It is planned for these to begin in 2020. While these skills will provide the Commission with tools to better regulate the telecoms sector, they also be relevant in regulating the new sectors as they are brought under its purview.

The Commission is paying the tuition for one student pursuing Bachelors in accounting and finance. This decision will be reviewed in 2020.

- 9. Regulation of Other Sectors** – The Commission is still awaiting the enactment of new legislation for electricity governance geared towards bringing that sector under the regulatory authority of the PUC. Based on the present timetable prepared by the Consultant which includes renewable energy integration it is anticipated that the process will be completed during the coming year.

Public Utilities Commission Anguilla
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2020 Operating Budget

	EC\$
1. Commission Expenses	\$61,800
2. Total Staff Salaries	\$432,488
3. Office Expenses	\$98,600
4. Equipment Expense	\$2,700
5. Travel	\$24,000
6. Training	\$139,000
7. Outside Consultants	\$72,100
8. Other	\$14,475
	\$845,163

2020 Capital Budget

9. Office Equipment	\$4,100
10. Spectrum Management Equipment	\$28,000
	\$32,100

Total Requirement 2020 **\$877,263**