

18 September 2003

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
PROPOSED RETAIL PRICE CONTROLS AS DETAILED IN
CONSULTATION PAPER ERU/CN/013**

**The Public Hearing planned for 20th September 2003 will now be held
on 4th October 2003**

- 1.1 Section 3(f) of the Legislative Decree No. 48 of 2002 Promulgating the Telecommunications Law requires the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) to give interested parties the opportunity to submit opinions on relevant issues when preparing to take regulatory measures that will have a material effect on particular telecommunications markets. Consultation process statement, ERU/ST/001 and associated regulation, ERU/RN/001 also provide for the Authority to hold a public hearing in respect of any Invitation or Comments.
- 1.2 The TRA has issued a consultation paper on proposed Retail Price Controls to be applied to Batelco, (ERU/CN/013) which is available on the TRA website, and has invited written comments on the proposals from interested parties.
- 1.3 The TRA proposes to hold the re-scheduled public hearing on 4th October 2003 in Manama. Here interested parties may make oral submissions to the TRA regarding the proposed measures as indicated in the consultation paper. Interested parties may request up to 60 minutes (in increments of 10 minutes) in which to make their submissions.
- 1.4 Interested parties who wish to make use of this opportunity:
 - (a) Must inform the TRA on or before 27th September 2003 of their intention to attend and make oral submissions, together with an indication of the

amount of time requested by the interested party to make its oral submission;

(b) Must submit to the TRA a summary of the subject matter and material that are to be presented on or before 27th September 2003. Such materials must include a brief statement explaining the interest of the party making the submission in relation to the proposed Retail Price Controls, as well as the interested party's name; name of its principal contact person; physical address; telephone number; fax number; and email address.

1.5 All communications to the TRA may be submitted by email to consult@tra.org.bh or post, provided that such comments are received by the TRA no later than 5.00 P.M. local time on the relevant closing date.

1.6 The TRA will inform the interested parties referred to in clause 1.4 of the venue and scheduled starting time of each presentation as soon as practicable after 28th September 2003. The venue for the public hearing and amount of time allocated to each interested party will depend on the number of interested parties who wish to make use of this opportunity.

1.7 Interested parties should not re-submit any written comments previously submitted to the TRA and are encouraged to use the time allocated for their oral presentation efficiently.

1.8 The provisions regarding the confidentiality of written and oral submissions contained in the TRA's consultation process statement ERU/ST/001 and associated regulation ERU/RN/001 shall form part of this document and the TRA intends to apply such provisions, if needed, in relation to the public hearing.