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National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (NTRC)

Radio/TV Broadcasters Meeting

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FOUNDATION

The Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL) Treaty (Signed 4th May 2000)

5 Contracting States - Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia
Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis

- **Desirous** of creating a competitive environment for telecommunications in the contracting states
- **Determined** to provide affordable, modern, efficient, competitive and universally available telecommunications services to the people of the contracting states
- **AGREED TO:**
 - Enactment of the ECTEL Treaty** in each member state
 - Formation of the NTRCs** in each member state



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FOUNDATION

Enactment of the Treaty

ECTEL Act 30 of 2000, 29th September 2000

Formation of the NTRC

The Telecommunications Act 31 of 2000 –

29th September 2000

- To give effect to the purposes of the ECTEL Treaty
- To Regulate the Telecommunication Market



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ECTEL STRUCTURE

- **Council of Ministers**

Hon Joseph Gilbert, Chairman

- **Board of Directors**

Lana Mc Phail, Member

- **ECTEL Secretariat**

Embert Charles, Managing Director



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NTRC STRUCTURE

- **Minister of Telecommunications**

Hon Joseph Gilbert

- **Commission**

Dr. Spencer Thomas - Chairman

Mr. George Lashley - Commissioner

Mr. Vincent Roberts – Commissioner

Mr. Ruggles Ferguson – Commissioner

Mr. Bryan Scott - Commissioner

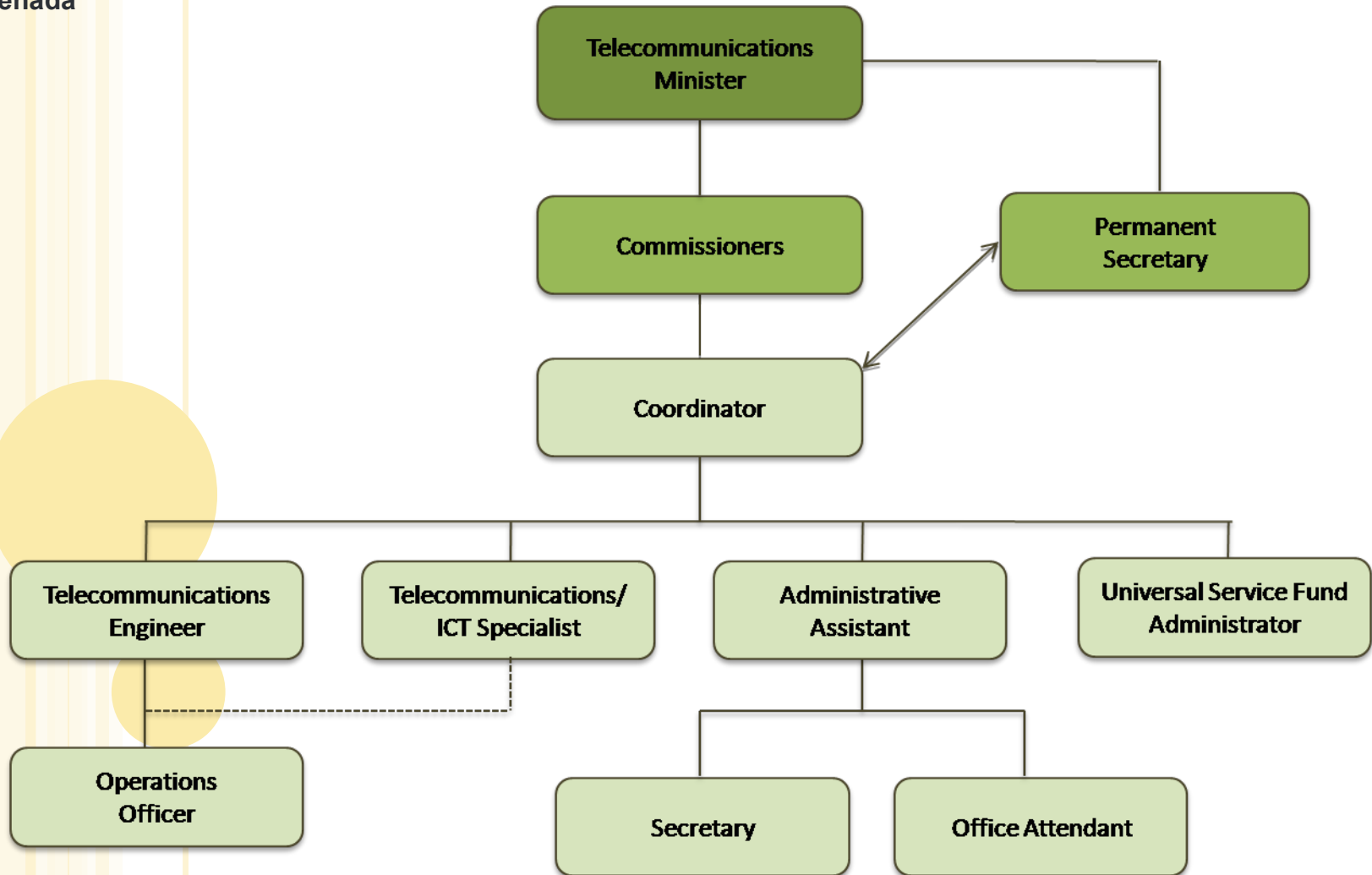
- **NTRC Secretariat**

Aldwyn Ferguson, Coordinator



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NTRC Organizational Chart





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Telecommunications Regulations

- Telecommunications (Fee) Regulation
SRO 46 of 2006

- Telecommunications (Universal Service Fund) Regulation
SRO 21 of 2009

- Telecommunications (Universal Service Fund
Contribution) Order - SRO 20, 2009

- Telecommunications (Spectrum Management) Regulation
SRO 18 of 2009

- Telecommunications (Numbering) Regulation
SRO 15 of 2009

- Telecommunications (Interconnection) Regulation
SRO 14 of 2009



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Mission Statement

To regulate the liberalized Telecommunications sector in Grenada, to ensure fair competitive practices by Telecommunications providers and to promote and maintain high quality Telecommunications services at fair and competitive prices for consumers.



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Functions/Powers of the Commission

Regulate prices for telecommunications sector

Review applications

Issue licences and frequency authorisations

Plan, supervise, regulate and manage the use of the radio frequency spectrum in conjunction with ECTEL

Maintain a register of licences and frequency authorisation holders

Collect **all** telecommunications fees

Operate a Universal Service Regime so as to ensure the widest possible access telecommunication access at an affordable rate

Registration and management of internet domain names



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Functions/Powers of the Commission

Monitor and ensure compliance with licences

Acquire information – breach of licence, Telecoms Act

Initiate legal proceedings – re compliance with licences

Monitor anti-competitive practices

Investigate and resolve any dispute

Sit as a tribunal

Hold public hearing pertaining to its function

Review proposed interconnection agreement

Manage the Universal Service fund

Consult and liaise with ECTEL



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Telecommunications Operators

telecommunications Providers

- Fixed Public
- Public Mobile
- Internet Network

radio/TV Broadcasters

amateur Radio Operators

airtime/Land Mobile Operators



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Fee Structure

Telecommunications (Fee) Regulation SRO 46 of 2006

Application Fee – NTRC

Initial Fee – Gov't of Grenada

Annual Licence Fee – Gov't of Grenada

Spectrum Fee – ECTEL/NTRC



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Broadcasters Licenced and Operating(14 stations):

- Grenada Broadcasting Network (FM, AM & TV)
- St. George's University (FM)
- Moving Target Company (FM & TV)
- Grenada Wireless Communication Network Limited (FM)
- Light House Television (TV)
- Aviation Radio Missionary Services Inc. (FM)
- Community Radio FM
- Evangelistic Centre (FM)
- Roman Catholic Church (FM)
- Grenada Family Network (FM)
- Kyack Radio Limited (FM)
- Sister Isle Radio Limited (FM)
- City Sound FM
- Western Broadcasting Network (FM)



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Broadcasters Licenced and not yet Operating:

- Thy Kingdom Deliverance Sanctuary (FM)
- Grant Communications (FM)
- New Generation FM
- Boss FM
- Grenada Wireless Communication Network Limited (TV)
- Light House Television (FM)
- Grenada Family Network (TV)
- BBC World Service (FM)
- Grenada Info. and Activities Ltd. (FM)



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Priority Areas

spectrum Management

- 100% Compliance by Broadcasters – March 2010
- Efficient Spectrum usage

improve working relationship with Radio and TV Broadcasters

launching of Universal Service

management of Grenada's domain names (.gd)



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