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03/06/2023-REPORTED OUT TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JUDICIARY

02/17/2023-REASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE

BILL NO. 35-0019

Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

February 15, 2023

An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement and the Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation, d/b/a/ VIYA, for a portion of a telecommunication tower and bunker in Building No. 1, Suite 2, Parcel No. 6 Recovery Hill, Company Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, consisting of a telecommunications tower and a 9' x 8' room and bunker, zoned P, for the establishment and operation of wireless link connections and to house associated equipment in the 9' x 8' bunker, and for no other purposes whatsoever

PROPOSED BY: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

1 **WHEREAS**, on November 30, 2022, the Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands approved
2 the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and the Virgin Islands
3 Telephone Corporation, d/b/a/ VIYA;

4 **WHEREAS**, the Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation, d/b/a/ VIYA will be leasing a
5 portion of a telecommunication tower and bunker in Building No. 1, Suite 2, Parcel No. 6
6 Recovery Hill, Company Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, consisting of a telecommunications
7 tower and a 9' x 8' room and bunker, zoned P, as shown on O.L.G. File No. 1368. The
8 telecommunications tower and a 9' x 8' room and bunker; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the rent will be \$36,000, per annum, payable in monthly installments of
10 \$3,000; and

SECTION 1. Pursuant to title 31 Virgin Islands Code, section 205, subsection (c), the Legislature of the Virgin Islands approves the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Department of Property and the Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation, d/b/a/ VIYA for a term of 10 years with the annual rent of \$36,000, for the purpose of establishing and operating wireless link connections and housing associated equipment in the 9' x 8' bunker, and for no other purposes whatsoever.

12 This bill approves the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and
13 the Virgin Islands Telephone Corporation, d/b/a/ VIYA.

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