COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/FLOOR

BILL NO. 36-0414

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

October 30, 2026

An act ratifying the Governor's approval of Major Coastal Zone Permit No. CMJLW0002-24 granted to Trans Americas Fiber US, LLC.

PROPOSED BY: Senator Milton E. Potter, by Request of the Governor

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2025 the St. Thomas Committee of the Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Commission approved Major Coastal Zone Permit No. CMJLW0002-24 ("the Permit") for Trans Americas Fiber US, LLC. ("the Permittee");

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2026, the Governor of the Virgin Islands approved the Permit;

WHEREAS, the Permit allows the Permittee to install a new expanded capability fiber optic cable in the territorial waters of the Virgin Islands and use the existing pipeline bores installed at Magens's Bay, St. Thomas and connect to the AT&T of the Virgin Islands distribution building located at No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Estate Petersborg, Northside, St. Thomas;

WHEREAS, the Permit expires 20 years after the effective date with the option to renew the Permit within 90 days before the Permit expires; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to title 12 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21, section 911, subsection (e), the Legislature of the Virgin Islands must ratify the Governor's approval of a major coastal zone permit; Now, Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to title 12 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21, section 911, subsection (e), the Legislature of the Virgin Islands ratifies the Governor's approval of Major Coastal Zone Permit No. CMJLW0002-24 granted to Trans Americas Fiber US, LLC.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill ratifies the Governor's approval of Major Coastal Zone Permit No. CMJLW0002-24 granted to Trans Americas Fiber US, LLC. to allow Trans Americas Fiber US, LLC. to install a new expanded capability fiber optic cable in the territorial waters of the Virgin Islands and use the existing pipeline bores installed at Magens's Bay, St. Thomas and connect the AT&T of the Virgin Islands distribution building located at No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Estate Petersborg, Northside, St. Thomas.

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