

**Independence or Interdependent -**


**The Barbados Experience**

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# Decision Making Models

- **Unitary Actor**
  - **Organisational**
  - **Contextual**
  - **Political**
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# The Regulators

- **Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities**
- **Fair Trading Commission**

# Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities

- **Policies**
- **Licenses**
- **Services to be regulated**
- **Dominance**
- **Spectrum**
- **Numbering**

# Fair Trading Commission

- **Implementation and Enforcement of Policies**
- **Rates**
- **Standards**
- **Interconnection**
- **Access Deficit Charges**

# WHAT IS POLICY ?

- A planned line of conduct in light of which individual decisions are made and coordination achieved (Webster)
- A course or principle of action adopted by government ( Concise Oxford)

# Policy objective – Green walls

- Buy green paint
- Mix blue and yellow
- Buy green wall paper



*"I dislike wallpaper" –  
Minister*

# Barbados Experience

- **Three Mobile Operators** – *Cable & Wireless, Digicel, AT&T*
- **One Domestic Fixed Operator** - *Cable & Wireless*
- **Three Domestic Fixed Wireless Licencees** – *TeleBarbados, Last Mile Holding and Wiiscom*
- **One International Carrier** – *C & W*



# Access Deficit Charges

Telecommunications Act Section 33 (2) (b)

- *The net avoidable costs that result from providing service in the course of fulfilling the universal service obligation are recovered from all carriers and service providers in accordance with **sections 35 and section 36** on an equitable basis*
- **Section 35 – ADC Guidelines (FTC)**
- **Section 36 – Universal Service Fund (Ministry)**

# Interconnection

- Accounting Principles
- Dispute Resolution Guidelines
- RIO
- Interconnection Agreements

# Read all about it

- Link Systems Now!
- Talks off - Fed-up cell Players!
- Company denies stalling
- It's settled...



# Read all about it!

- PM: Cut the Crap!



# Decision Making Environment

## External Factors

- Public lobbying
- International policy commitments - ITU, WTO
- Political objectives

## Commission Processes

- Technical Analysis by Staff
- Public Consultation
- Consideration by 3 member panel

# Liberalisation of Telecommunications Market

