

Virgin Islands Next Generation Network

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viNGN CEO Responds to Love City Community Network Statement

"It is not the norm for The Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN) to comment publicly regarding its corporate relationships. However, a matter concerning Love City Community Network (LCCN) has made its way forward into view, and in the public interest, we will state our position for the record.

viNGN appreciates all that Love City Community Network has done to bridge the connectivity gap on the island of St. John, which was hard-hit by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. On our own, viNGN moved quickly to provide linkups via its sub marine fiber optic cable just days after Irma, the foundation upon which most Internet traffic rests on this island.

We believe in transparency and level playing fields all around, and we work hard to maintain outstanding rapport with our local Internet Service Providers, <u>including</u> authorized non-profits.

For the past several weeks, viNGN has been in talks with LCCN towards ensuring compliance with all local and non-profit regulations and seeking verification of same. Eventually, a deadline of March 31, 2018 was granted, to allow leeway to assemble all necessary documentation. viNGN has gone the extra mile to request that LCCN (previously under the name LoveIT) sign a service agreement months ago in order to temporarily continue business in the Territory, which allowed LCCN time to collect and submit the necessary business paperwork required by all such USVI businesses. To date, LCCN has not committed to viNGN nor submitted the necessary documents.

viNGN has neither received nor requested any payments from LCCN, and there is currently no contractual agreement in place. At the same time, viNGN provided complimentary service for the month of March 2018 for both the benefit of the community and to allow LCCN time to respond without interruption in service.

In closing, viNGN is more than willing, in light of any changes to their current non-profit status, to reconvene in hopes of re-establishing connectivity to LCCN."

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