

### Consultation questions

1 We provide here the relevant consultation questions for respondents' consideration below. When answering a question, please explain your reasoning in detail.

a. Do you agree with the proposition that submarine and terrestrial fiber communications facilities are bottleneck facilities as defined in the Act?

A. YES

b. In your view, are submarine and terrestrial fiber communications facilities essential for the production of communications services in the FSM?

A. YES

c. In your view, could either submarine or terrestrial fiber optic communications facilities practicably be duplicated by a potential competitor in a communications market in the FSM? Please explain the reasons why, in your view, a communications facility can or cannot practicably be duplicated by a potential competitor in a communications market in the FSM.

A. Theoretically, yes, but no in a practically business minded sense taking into account small market like FSM with economy of scale taking account return of investment, high cost of services for the business products, etc. among concerns.

d. Referring to the description of fiber optic communications facilities in paragraphs 17-18 above, are in your view there any specific elements or portions of either submarine or terrestrial fiber optic communications facilities that could be practicably duplicated by a potential competitor? No.

e. Are there any geographic or product markets in the FSM in which submarine or terrestrial fiber networks could be practicably duplicated by a potential competitor? Given today's technology, and again small market like FSM the answer is No...

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