

ORDER OF THE REGULATOR NO.2021/T03

**AMENDMENT ORDER OF THE REGULATOR
No. 2020/T03**

TERMINATION RATES FOR TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS IN SAMOA

Pursuant to section 8 (1) (r) of the *Telecommunications Act* 2005 the Regulator makes this Order to amend Order of the Regulator No. 2020/T03.

On 30th June 2021 marked the expiration of service providers Digicel Samoa Ltd and Vodafone Samoa Ltd domestic network interconnection agreement “agreement” made on the 5th August 2019 for termination rates. On July 5th 2021, service providers furnished its agreement revised only for an extension for the next period of 12 months commencing **1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022** for deliberation of the Regulator. Under section 36 of the Act requires interconnection charges of dominant service providers to be cost based.

As a result, the Regulator accepts and approves the 12 months extension of the service providers’ agreement and with retrospective approval granted for the interconnection rates and arrangements to be effective on the 1st July 2021.

In light of the above, the Regulator makes her Order in pursuant also to section 32 (i) of the Act specifying the conditions of the interconnection rates to remain unchanged as per the recent expired agreement and Order of Regulator No. 2020/T03.

Mobile Terminating Rate (MTR):

The rate for terminating on any telecommunication mobile network in Samoa shall be **5sene per minute** for 12 months commencing on the 1st July 2021 – 30th June 2022

Application of MTR:

The rate is applied over 24 hours and 7 days per week basis. The rate shall apply to calls terminating on another mobile network (off-net) only and where minutes are to be accumulated in increments of 6 seconds.

Fixed Termination Rate (FTR):

Digicel Samoa Ltd shall pay Vodafone Samoa Ltd **5sene per minute** to terminate calls on its telecommunication fixed network. The termination rate is applied over 24 hours and 7 days per week basis.

Billing:

For inter-company billing purposes, the rate is billed 'per minute' and will accrue on a per 6 seconds basis.

Next Interconnection submission:

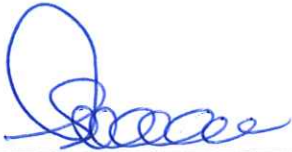
Service providers are required to file new interconnection rates 4 weeks prior to expiry of termination rates determined for Regulator's review and approval.

Duration of the Order:

This Order becomes effective on **1st July 2021** and shall expire on the earlier of:

- (a) The end of the scheduled period commencing from the date of effect;
- (b) The Regulator revoking this Order before the end of the specified period; or
- (c) The making of a new Order by the Regulator in accordance with section 32 of the Act varying, extending or cancelling this Order.

Date of Order: 21st July 2021



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REGULATOR