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**ORDER OF THE REGULATOR NO.2020/T03**

**TERMINATION RATES FOR TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS IN SAMOA**

**Whereas:**

Under section 8(1) (i) of the Telecommunications Act 2005 (Act), the Regulator is responsible for regulating interconnection between telecommunications networks of different service providers.

Section 36 of the Act requires interconnection charges of dominant service providers to be cost based. On 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020, the service providers resubmitted their domestic network interconnection agreement established on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 to be expired in 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 for deliberation of the Regulator.

Upon further contemplations, the Regulator accepts and approves the service providers' domestic network interconnection agreement, whereby a retrospective approval be granted to the section of the agreement where relevant to the current year. The Regulator establishes Order of the Regulator 2020/T03 for termination rates.

This order has been issued pursuant to section 36 of the Act to set forth termination rates for network services between Digicel Samoa Ltd and Vodafone Samoa Ltd (formerly Bluesky Samoa Ltd). The rates established herein are intended to be in effect only for the time required for cost based interconnection rates in Samoa for a minimum of one (1) year from the effective date of this Order retrospective to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

**Mobile Terminating Rate**

The rate for terminating on any mobile network in Samoa shall be **5sene per minute** for the period of 1 year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**Application of MTR:**

The interconnection 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:**

Digicel Samoa Ltd shall pay Vodafone Samoa Ltd **5sene per minute** to terminate calls on its fixed network. The termination rate is applied over 24 hours and 7 days per week basis and shall be for the period of 1 year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**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 retrospectively on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 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 36 of the Act varying, extending or cancelling this Order.

**Date of Order:** 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020



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