

ORDER OF THE REGULATOR NO.2023/T01

**MOBILE TERMINATION RATES FOR TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS IN
SAMOA (EXTENSION)**

Pursuant to section 36 of the *Telecommunications Act* 2005 (“the Act”) the Regulator has issued this order to extend the period of the previous *Order of the Regulator No. 2022/T05*.

On 30 June 2023, the Domestic Network Interconnection Rates Agreement between Digicel Samoa Limited (“Digicel”) and Vodafone Samoa Limited (“Vodafone”) reached its expiration date. In a joint statement dated 12th July 2023, Digicel and Vodafone have agreed to retain and extend the Mobile Termination Rate (“MTR”) for the next twelve (12) months retrospectively effective from *1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024*.

In accordance with section 32 (i) of the Act, and considering the mutual agreement between the telecommunications service providers, the Regulator hereby issues the following orders:

Order:

Mobile Terminating Rate (MTR):

The rate for terminating calls on any telecommunication mobile network in Samoa shall be **5sene per minute** for a duration 12 months, effective on the *1st July 2023 – 30th June 2024*.

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:

Telecommunication network service providers are required to file new interconnection rates (complete submissions) 4 weeks before the expiry of the MTR determined for the Regulator’s review and approval.



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Duration of the Order:

This Order is effective from **1st July 2023** and will expire on the earlier of the following:

- (a) The end of the scheduled period from the date of effect;
- (b) Revocation of this order by the Regulator before the specified period ends; or
- (c) The issuance of a new order by the Regulator, in accordance with section 36 of the Act,
which varies, extends or cancels this order.

Date of Order: 21st July 2023

Lematua Gisa Fuatai Purcell
REGULATOR