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Authorization for Prices Of Interconnection Services & Off- Net Retail Rates

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Authorization for the Prices of Interconnection Services in Fiji

1. Pursuant to Section 41 of the Commerce Commission Decree 2010 and the **Commerce (Control of Prices for Interconnection Services in Fiji) Order 2015**, the Commission hereby makes the following authorization to be effective from 22 April 2016.

Citation and commencement

2. This Authorization may be cited as Authorization of Rates for the Supply of Interconnection Services and Off-Net Retail Rates in Fiji for all quantities and qualities, grades or classes and is effective from 22 April 2016.

Rates for the Supply of Interconnection Services

3. (a) The prices set out in Table 1 herein shall be the prices for interconnection services in Fiji.

Description	Rate per Minute (FJD)
Local Interconnection Rates:	
Mobile to Mobile Network Termination (MTM)	0.08
Mobile to Fixed line Network Termination (MTF)	0.05
Fixed line to Mobile Network Termination (FTM)	0.08
SMS Messages (per SMS)	0.06
International Inbound Calls-:	
International Inbound Minutes Rate (minimum)	US\$0.22
Distribution of the Minimum inbound minute rate in FJD	
Termination Rate	0.08
Operator Handling Fees	0.26
ICT Levy Fees	0.07
Transit Carrier Fees	Balance from US\$0.22 after payment of Termination Rate, Operator Handling Fees and ICT levy.

- (b) The following settlement mechanism will apply:

- The transit carrier to bring International inbound minutes into Fiji at a rate not lower than US\$0.22 and the settlement process will be as follows:
 - The transit carrier will pay to the network operator on which the inbound call is terminated the Termination Rate of \$0.08, Network Operator Handling fees of \$0.26 and ICT Levy of \$0.07 to the Government.
 - The balance from the USD\$0.22 after payment of the above can be retained as transit margin.

4. Maximum Off-Net Retail Rates

(a) The following off-net retail rates will be applicable for all call services in Fiji:

(i) **Mobile Off-Net Rates-** *The difference between the retail rate per minute for a mobile on-net call and a mobile off-net call shall be no more than the Mobile to Mobile Network Termination rate (MTM) per call minute authorized by the Commission.*

[Maximum Off Net Rate = On Net Rate + MTM termination rate]

(ii) **Mobile to Fixed Line Off-Net Rates-** *The difference between the retail rate per minute for a mobile on-net call and a fixed line off-net call shall be no more than the Mobile to Fixed Network Termination rate (MTF) per call minute authorized by the Commission.*

[Maximum Off Net Rate = On Net Rate + MTF termination rate]

(iii) **Fixed-Line to Mobile Off-Net Rates –***The difference between the retail rate per minute for a fixed line on-net call and a mobile off-net call shall be no more than the Fixed to Mobile Network Termination rate (FTM) per call minute authorized by the Commission.*

[Maximum Off Net Rate = On Net Rate + FTM termination rate]

(b) The On-Net and Off-net billing methods are to be applied in a uniform way by the network operators. However, in cases where the operators prefer to use different billing cycle, proportionate pricing be applied for off-net call charges. For example, if Company A sets the on-net charges per 30 seconds unit and off-net charge per minute, then for a 30 seconds off-net calls, the off-net charges authorized by the Commission per minute needs to be proportionately applied for a 30 seconds call as per the requirements under Section 50 of CCD2010.

Conditions of this Authorization

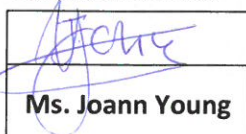
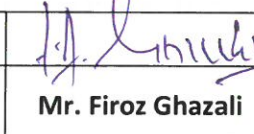
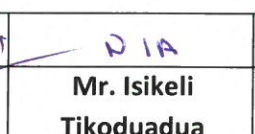
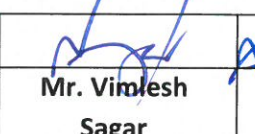
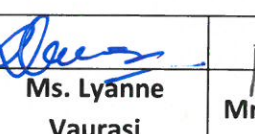

5.1 No changes to the above rates shall be made unless authorized by the Commission.

5.2 The Commission may review the MTM termination rates and the FTM termination rates in future to ensure that the termination rates become symmetrical over the years. SMS termination rates may also be reviewed.

Expiry of this Authorization

6. The above authorizations will remain in force unless earlier revoked, amended or varied by the Fiji Commerce Commission.

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