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Final Authorisation

Prices for National Interconnection and Access to International Submarine Cables using Fijian Cable Landing Stations



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1. Pursuant to Section 4 and 41 of the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission Act 2010 and the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (Control of Prices for Interconnection Services in Fiji) Order 2018, FCCC hereby makes the following authorisation.

Citation and commencement

- 2.1 This Authorisation may be cited as the Final Authorisation Prices for National Interconnection and Access to International Submarine Cables using Fijian Cable Landing Stations.
- 2.2 This authorisation amends from the date of effect those sections of the Interim Authorisation for Prices for Access to Southern Cross Cable using FINTEL Cable Landing Station and ICT Data Levy Fee made on 7 June 2019 that relate to Facilities Interconnect Service and the Co-location Service in that Interim Authorisation.
- 2.3 This authorisation is effective from **1 October 2019**.
- 2.4 If FINTEL has a service agreement with any customer under the Interim Authorisation mentioned above, charges are applied for a monthly period that finishes after 1 October 2019, the charge for that period shall be pro-rated to reflect the rates in the Interim Authorisation for the days prior to 1 October 2019 and the rates in this Authorisation for the days from and after 1 October 2019.

Authorised Prices

- 3.1 The price set out in Schedule 1 herein shall be the prices for access to any international submarine cable using a Fijian cable landing station.

Schedule 1: Authorised Prices

Description	Authorised Prices (VEP)
Cross Connection Service (as defined in Section 4)	\$640 per service per month
Co-location Service (as defined in Section 4)	\$1,630 per square metre per month

Definitions

- 4.1 *Cross Connection Service* means a service utilising a fibre connection between a national telecommunications operator in Fiji and an international submarine cable at a cable landing station. For the avoidance of doubt each fibre patch cord between the international

and national networks is a separate cross connection service. This service supersedes the service formerly known as the Facilities Interconnection Service.

4.2 *Co-location Service* means the provision of conditioned cabinet space within a cable landing station based on standard telecommunications rack configurations with power requirements up to 4 kW, but excludes electric power usage.

4.3 *Conditioned cabinet space* recognises that the space in which a standard telecommunications rack is accommodated will have an appropriately air-conditioned and monitored environment and served with appropriate dual-fed power.

Ensuring End User Benefits from this Authorisation

5.1 The retail prices and changes to such prices shall be registered by internet service providers with FCCC on a quarterly basis. FCCC will monitor changes in price levels to ensure that reductions in FINTEL prices are passed on to end users.

5.2 FCCC is proceeding to examine the regulated prices that should apply for national access to wholesale broadband capacity in Fiji and is actively considering whether to expedite the benefits of that process by setting maximum rates through the making of an authorisation in the near future.

Conditions to this Authorisation

6.1 This Authorisation permits a cable landing station operator in Fiji to charge separately for electric power usage at no more than the Fiji regulated Commercial and Industrial Tariffs for electric power.

6.2 The operator of a Fijian cable landing station shall facilitate the installation and operation of national network operator's equipment at the lowest reasonable cost and in the most efficient practical manner.

6.3 No changes to the above rates shall be made unless authorised by FCCC.

6.4 Nothing in this Authorisation applies to the charges applicable to the international side of cable landing stations in Fiji, which are subject to commercial Landing Party Agreements entered into by the cable landing station operator.

Expiry of this Authorisation

7.1 This authorisation will remain in force unless revoked, amended, or varied by the FCCC.

7.2 It is the intention of the FCCC to review this authorisation within two years of the date of effect.

Commissioners/Board Members:

Made and authorised this 16th day of September 2019

		
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