

**DIRECTIVE**

**FIXED AND MOBILE TERMINATION RATES**

Regulation 18 (2) of the Telecommunications (Interconnection and Access) Regulations 2020, provides that the Commission may “develop, prescribe and apply methodologies, which may include benchmarking and network modelling, to be used by dominant operators and services providers for interconnection...”

In April 2022, the Commission embarked upon a benchmark study titled: *Proposal for Termination Rates in the Co-operative Republic of Guyana using a Benchmarking Methodology as commissioned by the Public Utilities Commission*. This study was developed in order to determine the rates which may be utilised for fixed and mobile termination services for the telecommunications sector in Guyana on a three-step glidepath.

The rates as recommended by the benchmark study are set out below:

|                         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tranche | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tranche | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tranche |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mobile Termination Rate | GY\$ 11.42              | GY\$ 8.85               | GY\$ 6.27               |
| Fixed Termination Rate  | GY\$ 8.71               | GY\$ 5.50               | GY\$ 2.30               |

The study was shared with the service providers on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

Following consultations with the two service providers One Communications (Guyana) Inc. and U-Mobile (Cellular) Inc., trading as Digicel the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of the benchmark rates for mobile and fixed services as recommended by the study were ordered by the Commission to be implemented on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023 and the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, respectively.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025, the Commission invited written comments from the service providers as it was actively considering entering into the 3<sup>rd</sup> tranche of the benchmark rates effective the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025. U-Mobile (Cellular) Inc. has since amended its domestic termination rates outlined under Annex C (Pricing Schedule) of its Domestic Interconnection Agreement superseding its previously revised Annex C dated March 14, 2024. Those rates are consistent with the 3<sup>rd</sup> tranche rates as set out in the Commission’s study.

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In light of the foregoing and after careful consideration the Commission hereby directs that the charges for the fixed and mobile termination rates as prescribed under the 3<sup>rd</sup> tranche in the Public ~~Utilities Commission~~

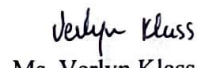
Utilities Commission's benchmark study be applied with effect from the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025 until such time as the Commission deems it necessary to amend the said rates.

The following are the prescribed termination rates:

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| FIXED TERMINATION RATES  | GY\$2.30 |
| MOBILE TERMINATION RATES | GY\$6.27 |

  
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*Dated this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.*