



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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*Regulating utilities for efficient services
and protecting consumers' interests.*

FIXED AND MOBILE TERMINATION RATES FOR THE YEAR 2023

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 operations and services providers for interconnection*”.

By way of letter on the 20th day of May 2022 the Commission had signalled to both the dominant and jointly dominant service providers, the Guyana Telephone & Telegraph Co. Ltd. (GTT) and U-Mobile (Cellular) Inc. (Digicel) respectively that it has embarked upon a benchmarking exercise which may ultimately determine the rates for interconnection in accordance with regulation 18 (2) of the Telecommunications (Interconnection and Access) Regulations 2020.

The completed study, *Proposal for Termination Rates in the Co-operative Republic of Guyana using a Benchmarking Methodology as commissioned by the Public Utilities Commission* was disseminated to both GTT and Digicel on the 12th day of June 2022 for their review.

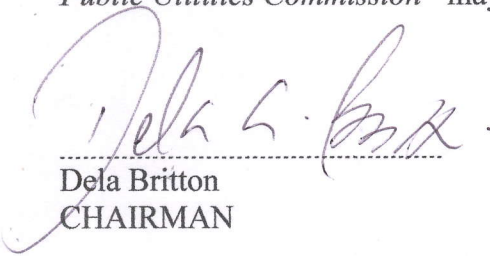
The Commission has recognised that the current termination rates have been in effect since the 1st day of January 2011 and as such may be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the Telecommunications (Interconnection and Access) Regulations 2020.

Therefore, after careful consideration and consistent with our legal mandate, the Commission has determined and hereby orders that the charges for the fixed and mobile termination rates as prescribed in the Public Utilities Commission’s 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* shall be applied for the period commencing the 17th day of February 2023 and ending the 16th day of February 2024 as an interim measure.

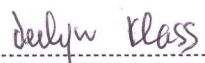
The following are the prescribed termination rates for the period.

FIXED TERMINATION RATE	GY\$8.71
MOBILE TERMINATION RATE	GY\$11.42

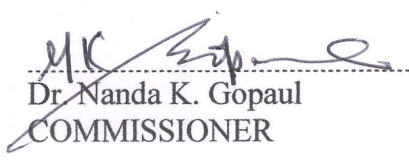
The Public Utilities Commission's benchmark study entitled "*Proposal for Termination Rates in the Co-operative Republic of Guyana using a Benchmarking Methodology as commissioned by the Public Utilities Commission*" may be accessed on the Commission's website at www.puc.org.gy.



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Dated this the 23rd day of December 2022