

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

DIRECTIVE

FIXED AND MOBILE TERMINATION RATES

Regulation 18 (2) of the Telecommunications (Interconnection and Access) Regulations 2020, prescribes 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”.

In April 2022, the Commission had embarked upon a 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*, which study was developed in order to determine the rates which may be utilized for fixed and mobile termination for the telecommunications sector in Guyana on a three-year glidepath. The rates as recommended by the benchmark study are as follows:

	1 st Tranche	2 nd Tranche	3 rd Tranche
Mobile Termination Rate (\$)	11.42	8.85	6.27
Fixed Termination Rate (\$)	8.71	5.50	2.30

The benchmark study was shared with the service providers on the 12th day of June 2022 and the Commission invited comments. Due consideration was given to the submissions received.

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.

On the 23rd day of December 2022, the Commission had issued its Directive setting out the termination rates to be implemented for the period commencing the 17th day of February 2023 and ending the 16th day of February 2024, using the rates as recommended by the 1st tranche in the benchmark study.

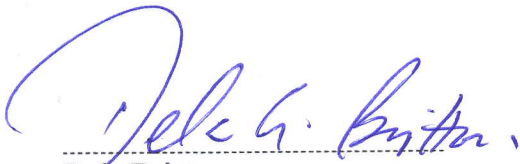
On the 13th day of February 2024, the Commission consulted with the service providers: GTT Inc. and U-Mobile (Cellular) Inc., trading as Digicel, in an effort to obtain the positions of the respective companies on the way forward regarding the intention of the Commission to proceed to the 2nd tranche of its benchmark study.

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After careful consideration the Commission now directs that the charges for the fixed and mobile termination rates as prescribed under the 2nd tranche in the Public Utilities Commission's benchmark study be applied with effect from the 17th day of February 2024 until such time as the Commission deems it necessary to amend the said rates.

The following are the prescribed termination rates:

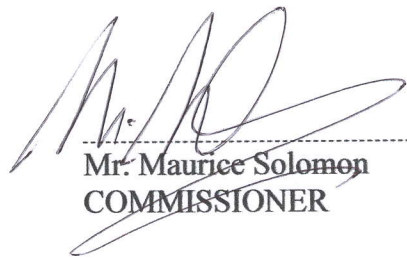
FIXED TERMINATION RATES	GY\$5.50
MOBILE TERMINATION RATES	GY\$8.85



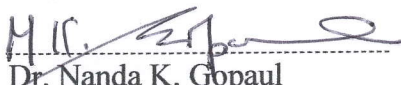
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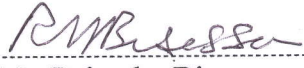
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Dated this the 16th day of February 2024.