



ORDER OF THE REGULATOR NO. 2026/T01
APPROVAL OF Samoa Submarine Cable Company (SSCC)
Reference Interconnection Offer (RIO)

Legislation

The Telecommunication Act 2005 (“the Act”) sets forth the obligation of the dominant service provider in the Telecommunication markets in Samoa.

Section 32 (g) states that the Regulator ensures that dominant service providers in a telecommunication market for interconnection publish a reference interconnection offer in accordance with Section 37 of the Act and any regulations, rules, and orders applicable to interconnections;

Section 37 (1) (a) states that every dominant service provider designated in accordance with Section 34 shall prepare a reference interconnection offer for approval by the Regulator within the time period specified by order of the Regulator;

Regulator Decision

The Regulator, having considered the revised reference interconnect offer 2026 (RIO 2026) of the Samoa Submarine Cable Company (SSCC) for wholesale international Internet bandwidth capacity, hereby **approves** the RIO 2026.

In compliance with section 8(1)(r) of the Telecommunications Act 2005 (the Act), the Regulator revoked the Order of the Regulator No.2024/T05 and replaced it with the Order of the Regulator No.2026/T01

The RIO 2026 outlines the terms and conditions under which SSCC will interconnect with other licensed service providers in accordance with the Telecommunication Act of 2005.

The Regulator has considered the following factors in approving the RIO 2026:

- a. The RIO 2026 is fair, reasonable, and non-discriminatory.
- b. The RIO 2026 is in the public interest.
- c. The RIO 2026 will promote competition in the telecommunications market in Samoa.

The Regulator is positive that the RIO 2026 would satisfy market demands for telecommunications in Samoa and benefit both customers and the country as a whole. Other authorized telecommunications operators will be able to access submarine cable capacity through the RIO 2026 at a fair and acceptable price. This will result in consumers paying less for Internet access, and the quality of the Internet service in Samoa will improve.

Order

- (i)SSCC to publish the RIO on their website;
- (ii) Send a copy to any service provider upon request.

Duration of the Order:

The Order will expire on the earlier of

- 1) The Regulator revoking this Order; or

- 2) The making of a new Order by the Regulator for the next revised RIO until the Regulator sees fit for another review.

The RIO 2026 will be effective from **22 January 2026**

Date of Order: 22 January 2026



Lematua Fuatai Tagaloataoa Gisa Purcell
For: REGULATOR

Attach: RIO Terms and Conditions

Samoa Submarine Cable Company (SSCC) Reference Interconnect Offer (RIO)
Effective Date: 22 January 2026

SAMOA SUBMARINE CABLE COMPANY LIMITED REFERENCE INTERCONNECT OFFER 2026 SERVICES AND CHARGES		
INTERNATIONAL CAPACITY LEASE AGREEMENT		
Service	Charges per Mbps per month (US\$) -including O&M	
Tui Samoa Cable Capacity Lease - Tier 1 Wholesale Connectivity-Samoa /Fiji Charges are based upon a combination of commitment terms (columns) and the amount of capacity (rows) specified in the table	Mbps	36 months
	300 Mbps	44.00
	500 Mbps	35.00
	1000 Mbps	27.50
	3000 Mbps	24.00
	5000Mbps	22.00

DOMESTIC CAPACITY LEASE AGREEMENT		
Service	Charges per Mbps per month (SAT\$) including O&M	
Tui Samoa Cable Capacity Lease - Tier 1 Wholesale Connectivity Domestic (Upolu/Savaii) charges are based upon a combination of commitment term (columns) and amount of capacity (rows) specified in the table	Mbps	36 months
	Up to 1Gbps	7.00
	1GB -2.5Gbps	6.00
	2.5GB - 5Gbps	5.00
	5GB -7.5Gbps	4.00
	7.5GB -10Gbps	3.00
	10GB+	2.50

CAPACITY PURCHASE AGREEMENT - IRU		
Service	Charges Capacity payments	Charges O&M and other
Tui Samoa Cable	Charge (USD) \$12,000,000 (Quarterly Payments of one twelveth of the Base Price)	4%
Capacity IRU (10Gbps, 15 years) - Tier 1 Wholesale Connectivity - Samoa/Fiji/Sydney		
Capacity IRU (20Gbps, 15 years) - Tier 1 Wholesale Connectivity - Samoa/Fiji/Sydney	Charge (USD) \$15,120,000 (Quarterly Payments of one twelveth of the Base Price)	4%

Notes:

- Cost-based pricing in accordance with SSCC's agreed governance procedures and policies
- All charges are in United States Dollars (except where otherwise stated) and exclusive of VAGST and other taxes and duties. See Capacity Lease Agreement (lease) and Capacity Purchase Agreement (IRU) for terms and conditions