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## ORDER OF THE REGULATOR No. 2013/T01

### INTERIM INTERCONNECTION TERMINATION RATES FOR FIXED AND MOBILE NETWORKS IN SAMOA

#### WHEREAS:

Under section 8 of the Telecommunications Act 2005 (Act), the Regulator is responsible for regulating interconnection between telecommunications networks of different service providers.

After the completion of a cost study, the Regulator issued Order of the Regulator No. 2010/01 establishing long-term interconnection rates for Samoa for a period of three (3) years commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009.

Order of the Regulator No. 2010/01 expired on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Pursuant to the Regulator's powers under the Act, the Regulator directed Bluesky Samoa Limited and Digicel (Samoa) Limited ('the providers') to enter into commercial negotiation for the determination of new interconnection rates.

The Regulator instructed the providers that a new interconnection agreement was to be submitted to the Regulator for his consideration and approval. After a lengthy period of commercial negotiations, the providers failed to submit to the Regulator an interconnection agreement for his consideration.

The Regulator has deemed it necessary to intervene and in accordance with section 39A of the Act, the Regulator hereby imposes the following interim fixed and mobile networks interconnection termination rates.

### ORDER ESTABLISHING INTERIM INTERCONNECTION TERMINATION RATES FOR FIXED AND MOBILE NETWORKS IN SAMOA

Pursuant to section 39A of the Act, the Regulator sets the following interim interconnection rates which shall be applicable to Bluesky Samoa Limited and Digicel (Samoa) Limited:

All interconnection rates set out below apply over a 24 hour 7 day per week basis. All rates referred to below as being 'per minute' will accrue on a per second basis for inter-company billing purposes.

#### **Fixed Termination Rate**

The rate for terminating calls on any fixed network in Samoa shall be **4.8sene per minute** (where this rate applies to calls originating on a fixed network or any other mobile network).



**Mobile Terminating Rate**

The rate for terminating on any mobile network in Samoa shall be **13 sene per minute** (where this rate applies to calls originating on a fixed network or another mobile network.)

**Short Message System charges**

The charge for terminating an SMS message shall be **3.5sene per message**.

**Directory Services**

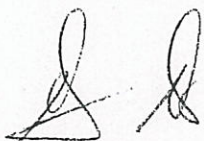
The charge for a call to directory enquiries for subscribers to Bluesky Samoa Limited shall not exceed **27 sene per call** and all future reductions that might be implemented for this service to the customers of Bluesky Samoa Limited will be passed on to the Digicel customers in the same percentage.

**Duration of the Order**

This Order becomes effective on Monday 1st April 2013 and shall expire on the earlier of:

- (a) The end of a six (6) month period commencing from the date of effect;
- (b) The Regulator revoking this Order before the end of a six (6) month period; or
- (c) The making of a new Order by the Regulator in accordance with section 39A(7) of the Act varying, extending or cancelling this Order.

**Date of Order: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013**



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Donnie De Freitas  
**REGULATOR**