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THE OFFICE UTILITIES REGULATION

THE NUMBER PORTABILITY ADMINISTRATION FEES, 2021

Pursuant to rule 11 of the Telecommunications Act (Number Portability) Rules, 2014 which states:

“11. Public telecommunications carriers shall share all joint and common costs related to the set-up and operation of the central reference database and central order handling system.”

The Office of Utilities Regulation (Office) has determined that the methodology for the assessment of fees shall be based on the number of active subscribers of each service provider.

1. The Fees shall be cited as the Number Portability Administrator Fees, 2021 and is effective for the period 2021, June 1 to 2022, May 31.

2. Each service provider who has been assigned numbers shall pay the Number Portability Administration Fees to the Number Portability Administrator (NPA) as specified in the paragraphs below.

*Schedule of Number Portability Administration Fees
effective 2021, June 1*

3. Generally, the computation of the Number Portability Administration Fee applicable to service providers (with numbers) in the telecommunications sector is calculated on the basis of the following formula (and shall be payable upon presentation of an invoice by the NPA:

$$SF_x = S_x / TAS * NPAF$$

Where:

- SF_x = Annual Fee for Company "X" (Fixed and Mobile)
- S_x = Number of Active Subscribers for Company X
- TAS = Total Active Subscribers
- $NPAF$ = Total Number Portability Administration Fee
- $SF_x \text{ min}$ = Minimum Number Portability Administration Fee
Provided that SF_x shall not be less than $SF_x \text{ min}$.

For the period 2021, June 1 to 2022, May 31, the following values apply:—

- TAS = 3,309,508
- $SF_x \text{ min}$ = US\$1,800

For the period 2021, June 1 to 2022, May 31, the following value applies:—

- $NPAF$ = US\$180,000

4. Notwithstanding the formula in paragraph 3 above, there shall be a minimum Number Portability Administration Fee, $SF_x \text{ min}$, which shall be applicable to entities with assigned numbers but have no active subscribers, or in the circumstances set out in paragraph 5 below.

5. Subject to paragraph 6 below, where the information regarding the number of subscribers for each operator according to the formula in paragraph 3 above is not available to the Office, or if the calculated Number Portability Administration Fees using the formula, is lower than the applicable minimum Number Portability Administration Fees specified in paragraph 4 above, then the previous year's subscriber count will be used in the case of major service providers and the applicable minimum Number Portability Administration Fee in the case of small service providers. Such fee shall be payable upon presentation of invoice by the NPA.

6. Where the minimum Number Portability Administration Fee is charged because the information regarding the number of subscribers for computing the Number Portability Administration Fee is not available to the Office, this will be a temporary arrangement pending receipt of the information. Once the information is received by the Office, the appropriate Number Portability Administration Fee that should have been payable effective

2021 June 1, using the formula set out in paragraph 3 above, will be calculated. The difference between the minimum or interim Number Portability Administration Fee invoiced and the Number Portability Administration Fee calculated using the updated information, if any, shall be payable by the service provider upon presentation of an invoice by the NPA.

7. The fees imposed shall be such that at all times the NPA recovers the Number Portability Administration Fees for the period. In the case where a provider ceases to operate or a new provider enters the market, appropriate adjustment to fees shall be made at the end of the period.

8. At the end of the 2021 June 1 to 2022 May 31 period, the NPA shall conduct a reconciliation for over or under-recovery of Number Portability Administration Fees, however arising. Service Providers' invoices will be credited in the event of an over-recovery and debited in the case of an under-recovery of fees.

Dated October 15, 2019.

On behalf of the Office:

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