

CONSULTATION ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS (FEE STRUCTURE) REGULATIONS

The Telecommunications Commission wishes to consult on amendments to the Telecommunications (Fee Structure) Regulations (the Fee Structure Regulations) that it proposes to recommend to Government.

Background

The Fee Structure Regulations set out the licence fees payable by providers for the provision of telecommunications services. The regulations first came into force on 1 May 2007 but after consultation with industry were substantially revised on 1 December 2016. The provision of telecommunications services is a dynamic industry. Thus, some categories of licences specified in the regulations or the fees set out in other categories are no longer appropriate and are again in need of change.

Proposed amendments

There are two significant changes. One change is for the licence fee for a Full Telecommunication Network/Services(FTSN) licence. The other significant change is in the definition of “gross revenue” used for the calculation of licence fees.

The remainder of the changes proposed are not significant. They are either to correct inaccuracies in the description of certain licences or errors in the calculation of the fees applying to other licences.

Full Telecommunications Network/Service (FTNS)

A complaint was made to the Commission by a licensed provider that the Full Telecommunication Network/Services (FTSN) license fee set out in the regulations was discriminatory, anti-competitive and harmful to its business as the fee failed to recognize market development and the effect of competition in the TCI marketplace. The Commission has considered the submissions of the complainant and has revised the fees for the FTSN licence and corresponding TPL-3 (Triple Play) and QUAD-4 (Quadruple Play) network/services licences to address competition issues in the current market in the TCI.

Definition of gross revenue

A percentage of “gross revenue” is used in the calculation of license fees under the regulations. The definition of “gross revenue” excludes revenue from “domestic interconnection payments”. The Commission has reviewed the effect of excluding interconnection payments from gross revenue and has concluded that the exclusion benefits only the carriers. The interconnection payments are passed on to customers in their billing and Government revenue obtained from license fees is reduced. The Commission proposes the removal of the exclusion for “domestic interconnection payments” from the definition of “gross revenue” in the regulations.

The amendments

The existing Telecommunications (Fee Structure) Regulations are set out in Annex 1. The changes that are proposed are set out and highlighted in Annex 2. Annex 3 sets out a table of the changes highlighted in Annex 2 and the reasons for the change in each case.

Consultation

This Consultation is available to the public on the Commission's website at: www.tcitelecommunications.tc

Responses are sought by March 16, 2018

Responses may be submitted to one or more of the following addresses:

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Annexes

1. Telecommunications (Fee Structure) Regulations
2. Amended Telecommunications (Fee Structure) Regulations
3. Table of amendments to the Fee Structure Regulations

Annex 1

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS (FEE STRUCTURE)

REGULATIONS 2016

(Legal Notice 61 of 2016)

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Citation and commencement

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3. A person applying for a telecommunications network or service licence shall to pay the appropriate fees specified in Schedule 1, as follows-
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4. A person applying for a spectrum licence shall pay the appropriate fee specified in Schedule 3, follows-
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Miscellaneous Fees

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Time for payments of fees

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Revocation

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SCHEDULE 1

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK OR SERVICE
(Regulation 3)**

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PRPNS	Public Radio Paging Network / service	\$1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00 or 7 % of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$2,000.00 or 1.8 % of gross revenue whichever is greater
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SUB 2	Subscriber Television Coverage area: A,B or C	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8%of gross revenue
	Subscriber Television Coverage area: D	\$1,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8%of gross revenue
BAM	Broadcast AM Radio station (Commercial) Nationwide Coverage	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8%of gross revenue
BFM	Broadcast FM Radio station (Commercial) Nationwide Coverage	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$500.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8%of gross revenue
BAM2 BFM 2	Broadcast Radio station (Commercial) Nationwide Coverage Coverage area: A,B or C	\$250.00	\$400.00	\$400.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8%of gross revenue
	Coverage area: D	\$250.00	\$450.00	\$450.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8%of gross revenue

SC-I	Submarine Cable (international)	\$2,500.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00 or 7 % of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$75,000 or 1.8 % of gross revenue whichever is greater
SC-D	Submarine Cable (domestic)	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00 or 7 % of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$5,000.00 or 1.8 % of gross revenue whichever is greater
TPL-3	Triple Play	\$15,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00 or 7 % of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$75,000.00 or 1.8 % of gross revenue whichever is greater
QUAD-4	Quadruple Play Providers	\$20,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00 or 7 % of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$75,000.00 or 1.8 % of gross revenue whichever is greater
VAS	Value Added Services	\$1000.00	\$2000.00	\$2,000.00 or 7 % of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$1,000.00 or 1.8 % of gross revenue whichever is greater

LICENCE CODE	DESCRIPTION	APPLICATION FEE	LICENCE FEE		REGULATORY FEE (ANNUALLY)
			On grant of licence (Initial fee)	Annually	
PNS	Private Network or Service	\$1000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminal	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
MM	Maritime mobile Licence (per transceiver)				N/A
MMB	Based Station (fixed)	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	
MMM	Mobile Station (mobile)	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	
MMR	Repeater	\$50.00/unit	\$150.00/unit	\$150.00/unit	
MMP	Portable / Handheld	\$50.00/unit	\$15.00/unit	\$15.00/unit	
MMFY	Maritime Mobile Radio (Ferry Boats / Charter)	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	
MMFH	Maritime Mobile Radio (Fishing Boats)	\$50.00/unit	\$30.00/unit	\$30.00/unit	
MMS	Ship /Cargo Station Licence				N/A
“	less than 1600 tons	\$150.00/ship	\$150.00/ship	\$150.00/ship	
“	exceeding 1600 tons	\$300.00/ship	\$300.00 / Ship	\$300.00 / Ship	
LM	Land mobile Licence				\$1000.00
LMB	Base Station	\$500.00	\$100.00/unit	\$100.00/unit	
LMR	Repeater	\$500.00	\$150.00/unit	\$150.00/unit	
LMN	Mobile	\$500.00	\$30.00/unit	\$30.00/unit	
LMP	Portable/handheld	\$500.00	\$15.00/unit	\$15.00/unit	

AMA	Aircraft Radio (each aircraft)				N/A
AMA-TC1	Maximum take-off weight (>20,000LBS < 60,000LBS)	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0
AMA-TC2	Maximum take-off weight (>12,500LBS < 20,000LBS)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0
AMA-TC3	Maximum take-off weight (>6,000LBS<12,500LBS)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0
AMA-TC4	Maximum take-off weight (<6,000LBS)	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0
AMA-TC5	Transportable Radio Licence	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$0
AM	Aeronautical mobile Radio				\$1000.00
AMR	Repeater	\$500.00	\$150.00/unit	\$150.00/unit	
AMB	Based/fixed	\$500.00	\$100.00 /unit	\$100.00/unit	
AMM	Mobile	\$500.00	\$30.00 /unit	\$30.00 /unit	
AMP	Portable/handheld	\$500.00	\$15.00/unit	\$15.00/unit	
AR	Amateur Radio Licence				N/A
ARN	Novice class	\$ 10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0
ARG	General class	\$ 10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0
ARA	Advanced class	\$ 10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0
ARF	Temporary Call-Sign	\$ 15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0
CBR	Citizen Band Radio	\$25.00			\$0

Coverage area:

- A Grand Turk and Salt Cay
- B South Caicos, East Caicos and Ambergis Cay
- C Middle Caicos, North Caicos and Parrot Cay
- D Providenciales, West Caicos and Pine Cay

Note: AMA = Aircraft Station, TC = Tier Code

SCHEDULE 2

[Regulation 4]

SPECTRUM LICENCE

LICENCE CODE	DESCRIPTION	APPLICATION FEE	Initial Fee	Spectrum Fees
VST	Very Small Aperture Terminal (channel)	\$1000.00		
VST1	Dish < 3.8 meter with one 64kbs CH		\$500.00	\$2000.00
VST2	Dish < 3.8 Meter with multiple 64kbs CH		\$400.00 / channel	\$400.00 / channel
CMBL	Cellular Microwave Backhaul links	\$1,000.00		
	< 28 MHz Bandwidth		\$5,000.00/frequency	\$5,000.00/frequency
	> 28-56MHz Bandwidth		\$8,500.00/frequency	\$8,500.00/frequency
	>56MHz Bandwidth		\$15,000.00/frequency	\$15,000.00/frequency
MMFH	Maritime Mobile Radio (fishing Boats)	\$50.00/unit		
BWA	Broadband Wireless Access	\$1,000.00		
	<5 MHz Bandwidth		\$5000.00 / paired	\$5000.00 / paired
	5-15 MHz Bandwidth		\$5,000.00 / paired	\$10,000.00 / paired
	15-30 MHz Bandwidth		\$30,000.00 /paired	\$30,000.00 /paired
	>30 MHz Bandwidth		\$50,000.00 /paired	\$50,000.00 /paired
FWA	Fixed Wireless Access (Point to point)	\$1,000.00		
	<5 MHz Bandwidth		\$500.00/frequency	\$500.00/frequency
	5-15MHz Bandwidth		\$800.00/frequency	\$800.00/frequency
	15-30 Mhz Bandwidth		\$1,500.00/frequency	\$1,500.00/frequency
	>30 MHz Bandwidth		\$2,000.00/frequency	\$2,000.00/frequency

FWA	Fixed Wireless Access (point to point)	\$1000.00		
	<5 MHz Bandwidth		\$500.00/ frequency	\$500.00/ frequency
	5-15MHz Bandwidth		\$800.00 /frequency	\$800.00 /frequency
	15-30 Mhz Bandwidth		\$1500.00/frequency	\$1500.00/frequency
	>30 MHz Bandwidth		\$2000.00/frequency	\$2000.00/frequency
FWA	Fixed Wireless Access (Multi point to point)	\$1000.00		
	<5 MHz Bandwidth		\$600.00/ frequency	\$600.00/ frequency
	5-15MHz Bandwidth		\$1500.00 /frequency	\$1500.00 /frequency
	15-30 Mhz Bandwidth		\$2000.00/frequency	\$2000.00/frequency
	>30 MHz Bandwidth		\$2500.00/frequency	\$2500.00/frequency
PRP	Public Radio Paging			
PRC	Commercial (25KHz bandwidth)	\$1,000.00	\$500.00/frequency	\$500.00/frequency
PRN	Non-Commercial (25KHz bandwidth)		\$150.00/frequency	\$150.00/frequency
MTF	Public Mobile Telecommunications Frequency			
PMTF1	Cellular 800 MHz	\$1,000.00	\$30,000.00/10MHz (paired)	\$30,000.00/10MHz (paired)
PMTF2	Cellular 900 MHz	\$1,000.00	\$30,000.00/10MHz (paired)	\$30,000.00/10MHz (paired)
PMTF2	Cellular 900 MHz	\$1,000.00	\$30,000.00/10MHz (paired)	\$30,000.00/10MHz (paired)
PMTF3	Cellular 1800 MHz	\$1,000.00	\$40,000.00/10MHz (paired)	\$40,000.00/10MHz (paired)
PMTF4	Cellular 1900 MHz	\$1,000.00	\$78,000.00/5MHz (paired)	\$78,000.00/5MHz (paired)
PFMF5a	Cellular 700 MHz Prime	\$1,000.00	\$60,000.00 / 22MHz (paired)	\$60,000.00 / 22MHz (paired)
PFMF5b	Cellular 700 MHz Non-Prime	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00 / 6MHz (paired)	\$10,000.00 / 6MHz (paired)
LTE	2.5GHz (2500MHz-2690MHz)			
	2500-2570MHz / 2620-2690MHz	\$1,000.00	\$30,000 /20MHz (paired)	\$30,000 /20MHz (paired)
	2575MHz -2620MHz	\$1,000.00	\$30,000 /20MHz (unpaired)	\$30,000 /20MHz (unpaired)

SES	Satellite Earth Station			
	SES (> 3 meters with multiple channels)	\$1,000.00	\$4500.00/ Dish	\$4500.00/ Dish
LM	Land Mobile			
LMF	Land Mobile radio (12.5KHz bandwidth)	\$200.00	\$200.00/frequency	\$200.00/frequency
MM	Maritime Mobile			
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MMSR	International/Nation Search and Rescue	Free	Free	Free
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BS	Broadcasting Station			
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BFM-1	Broadcast FM Radio station (<100Watts)	\$500.00	\$500.00/Frequency	\$500.00/Frequency
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BFM-3	Broadcast FM Radio station (500W-1KWatts)	\$500.00	\$2000.00/frequency	\$2000.00/frequency
BTV	Broadcast Television (6 MHz link)	\$1000.00	\$3000.00/frequency	\$3000.00/frequency
STL-1	Television STL Microwave (6MHz link)	\$500.00	\$1000.00/link	\$1000.00/link
STL-2	Radio STL Microwave	\$500.00		
	<(25KHz link)		\$200.00/link	\$200.00/link
	>(25KHz link)		\$500.00/link	\$500.00/link

SCHEDULE 3

SPECIAL LICENCE

[Regulation 5]

CODE	DESCRIPTION	APPLICATION FEE	On grant of licence (Initial fee)
SL	Special Licence		
SLE	Emergencies	Free	
SHT	Short term (<30 days)	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
SHT1	Short term (>30 <90 days)	\$500.00	\$5000.00

SCHEDULE 4

[Regulation 6]

MISCELLANEOUS

Code	Description	Licence Fees	
		Applications Fee	Initial
CPE	Customer Premises Equipment Dealers Registration Fee	100.00	\$250.00
	Customer Premises Equipment Wiring Registration fee	\$100.00	\$100.00
ROL	Radio Operators Licence	\$100.00	\$100.00
TAC	Type Approval Certification	\$500.00	\$500.00
EXM	Examination Fees For Radio Operators	\$ 30.00	N/A

Made this __ day of October 2016

Annex 2

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BAM	Broadcast AM Radio station (Commercial) Nationwide Coverage	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8%of gross revenue
BFM	Broadcast FM Radio station (Commercial) Nationwide Coverage	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$500.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8%of gross revenue
BAM2 MFM 2	Broadcast Radio station (Commercial) Coverage overage area: A,B or C	\$250.00	\$400.00	\$400.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8%of gross revenue
	Coverage area: D	\$250.00	\$450.00	\$450.00 or 1.075% of gross revenue whichever is greater	1.8%of gross revenue
SC-I	Submarine Cable (international)	\$2,500.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00 or 7 % of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$75,000 or 1.8 % of gross revenue whichever is greater

SC-D	Submarine Cable (domestic)	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00 or 7 % of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$5,000.00 or 1.8 % of gross revenue whichever is greater
TPL-3	Triple Play	\$15,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00 or 7 % of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$75,000.00 or 1.8 % of gross revenue whichever is greater
QUAD-4	Quadruple Play Providers	\$20,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00 or 7 % of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$75,000.00 or 1.8 % of gross revenue whichever is greater
VAS	Value Added Services	\$1000.00	\$2000.00	\$2,000.00 or 7 % of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$1,000.00 or 1.8 % of gross revenue whichever is greater

LICENCE CODE	DESCRIPTION	APPLICATION FEE	LICENCE FEE		REGULATORY FEE (ANNUALLY)
			On grant of licence (Initial fee)	Annually	
AMR	Automated Meter Reading	\$1000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
PNS	Private Network or Service	\$1000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
MM	Maritime mobile Licence (per transceiver)				N/A
MMB	Based Station (fixed)	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	
MMM	Mobile Station (mobile)	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	
MMR	Repeater	\$50.00/unit	\$150.00/unit	\$150.00/unit	
MMP	Portable / Handheld	\$50.00/unit	\$15.00/unit	\$15.00/unit	
MMFY	Maritime Mobile Radio (Ferry Boats / Charter)	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	\$50.00/unit	
MMFH	Maritime Mobile Radio (Fishing Boats)	\$50.00/unit	\$30.00/unit	\$30.00/unit	
MMS	Ship /Cargo Station Licence				N/A
“	less than 1600 tons	\$150.00/ship	\$150.00/ship	\$150.00/ship	
“	exceeding 1600 tons	\$300.00/ship	\$300.00 / Ship	\$300.00 / Ship	
LM	Land mobile Licence				\$1000.00
LMB	Base Station	\$500.00	\$100.00/unit	\$100.00/unit	
LMR	Repeater	\$500.00	\$150.00/unit	\$150.00/unit	
LMM	Mobile	\$500.00	\$30.00/unit	\$30.00/unit	
LMP	Portable/handheld	\$500.00	\$15.00/unit	\$15.00/unit	

AMA	Aircraft Radio (each aircraft)				N/A
AMA-TC1	Maximum take-off weight (>20,000LBS < 60,000LBS)	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0
AMA-TC2	Maximum take-off weight (>12,500LBS < 20,000LBS)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0
AMA-TC3	Maximum take-off weight (>6,000LBS<12,500LBS)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0
AMA-TC3	Maximum take-off weight (<6,000LBS)	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0
AMA-TC4	Transportable Radio Licence	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$0
AM	Aeronautical mobile Radio				\$1000.00
AMR	Repeater	\$500.00	\$150.00/unit	\$150.00/unit	
AMB	Based/fixed	\$500.00	\$100.00 /unit	\$100.00/unit	
AMM	Mobile	\$500.00	\$30.00 /unit	\$30.00 /unit	
AMP	Portable/handheld	\$500.00	\$15.00/unit	\$15.00/unit	
AR	Amateur Radio Licence				N/A
ARN	Novice class	\$ 10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0
ARG	General class	\$ 10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0
ARA	Advanced class	\$ 10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0
ARF	Temporary Call-Sign	\$ 15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0
CBR	Citizen Band Radio	\$25.00			\$0

Coverage area:

- A Grand Turk and Salt Cay
- B South Caicos, East Caicos and Ambergis Cay
- C Middle Caicos, North Caicos and Parrot Cay
- D Providenciales, West Caicos and Pine Cay

Note: AMA = Aircraft Station, TC = Tier Code

SCHEDULE 2

[Regulation 4]

SPECTRUM LICENCE

LICENCE CODE	DESCRIPTION	APPLICATION FEE	Initial Fee	Spectrum Fees
VST	Very Small Aperture Terminal (channel)	\$1000.00		
VST1	Dish ≤ 3.0 meter with one 64kbs CH		\$500.00	\$500.00/channel
CMBL	Cellular Microwave Backhaul links	\$1,000.00		
	≤ 28 MHz Bandwidth		\$5,000.00/frequency	\$5,000.00/frequency
	> 28 ≤ 56MHz Bandwidth		\$8,500.00/frequency	\$8,500.00/frequency
	>56MHz Bandwidth		\$15,000.00/frequency	\$15,000.00/frequency
BWA	Broadband Wireless Access	\$1000.00		
	≤ 5 MHz Bandwidth		\$5000.00 / paired	\$5000.00 / paired
	>5 ≤ 15 MHz Bandwidth		\$10,000.00 / paired	\$10,000.00 / paired
	> 15 ≤ 30 MHz Bandwidth		\$30,000.00 /paired	\$30,000.00 /paired
	>30 MHz Bandwidth		\$50,000.00 /paired	\$50,000.00 /paired
FWA	Fixed Wireless Access (Point to point)	\$1000.00		
	≤ 5 MHz Bandwidth		\$500.00/frequency	\$500.00/frequency
	>5 ≤ 15MHz Bandwidth		\$800.00/frequency	\$800.00/frequency
	>15 ≤ 30 MHz Bandwidth		\$1500.00/frequency	\$1500.00/frequency
	>30 MHz Bandwidth		\$2000.00/frequency	\$2000.00/frequency
FWA	Fixed Wireless Access (Multi point to point)	\$1000.00		
	≤ 5 MHz Bandwidth		\$600.00/ frequency	\$600.00/ frequency
	>5≤ 15MHz Bandwidth		\$1500.00 /frequency	\$1500.00 /frequency
	>15 ≤ 30 Mhz Bandwidth		\$2000.00/frequency	\$2000.00/frequency
	>30 MHz Bandwidth		\$2500.00/frequency	\$2500.00/frequency

PRP	Public Radio Paging			
PRC	Commercial (25KHz bandwidth)	\$1000.00	\$500.00/frequency	\$500.00/frequency
PRN	Non-Commercial (25KHz bandwidth)		\$150.00/frequency	\$150.00/frequency
PMTF	Public Mobile Telecommunications Frequency			
	800 MHz	\$1,000.00	\$30,000.00/10MHz (paired)	\$30,000.00/10MHz (paired)
	900 MHz	\$1,000.00	\$30,000.00/10MHz (paired)	\$30,000.00/10MHz (paired)
	1800 MHz	\$1,000.00	\$40,000.00/10MHz (paired)	\$40,000.00/10MHz (paired)
	1900 MHz	\$1,000.00	\$78,000.00/5MHz (paired)	\$78,000.00/5MHz (paired)
	700 MHz Prime	\$1,000.00	\$60,000.00 / 22MHz (paired)	\$60,000.00 / 22MHz (paired)
	700 MHz Non-Prime	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00 / 6MHz (paired)	\$10,000.00 / 6MHz (paired)
	1710-1755MHz/ 2110-2155MHz (AWS-1)	\$1,000.00	\$5,000/ 5MHz (paired)	\$5,000/ 5MHz (paired)
	2.5GHz (2500MHz-2690MHz)			
	2500-2570MHz / 2620-2690MHz	\$1,000.00	\$30,000 /20MHz (paired)	\$30,000 /20MHz (paired)
	2575MHz -2620MHz	\$1,000.00	\$30,000 /20MHz (unpaired)	\$30,000 /20MHz (unpaired)
SES	Satellite Earth Station			
	SES (> 3 meters with multiple channels)	\$1,000.00	\$4500.00/ Dish	\$4500.00/ Dish
LM	Land Mobile			
LMF	Land Mobile radio (12.5KHz bandwidth)	\$200.00	\$200.00/frequency	\$200.00/frequency

MM	Maritime Mobile			
MMF	Maritime Mobile Radio (12.5KHz bandwidth)	\$200.00	\$200.00/frequency	\$200.00/frequency
MMSR	International/Nation Search and Rescue	Free	Free	Free
MMFH	Maritime Mobile Radio (fishing Boats)	\$50.00/unit		
AM	Aeronautical Radio Frequency			
AMF	Aeronautical Mobile Radio (12.5KHz bandwidth)	\$200.00	\$200.00/frequency	\$200.00/frequency
BS	Broadcasting Station			
BAM	Broadcast AM Radio station	\$500.00	\$3000.00/frequency	\$3000.00/frequency
PBFM	Prime Broadcasting FM (88 MHz – 95MHz)			
PBFM-1	Broadcast FM Radio station (≤ 100 Watts)	\$500.00	\$1000.00/Frequency	\$1000.00/Frequency
PBFM-2	Broadcast FM Radio station ($\geq 250 \leq 500$ Watts)	\$500.00	\$1500.00/frequency	\$1500.00/frequency
PBFM-3	Broadcast FM Radio station ($\geq 500W \leq 1KWatts$)	\$500.00	\$2500.00/frequency	\$2500.00/frequency
BFM-1	Broadcast FM Radio station (≤ 100 Watts)	\$500.00	\$500.00/Frequency	\$500.00/Frequency
BFM-2	Broadcast FM Radio station ($\geq 250 \leq 500$ Watts)	\$500.00	\$1000.00/frequency	\$1000.00/frequency
BFM-3	Broadcast FM Radio station ($\geq 500W \leq 1KWatts$)	\$500.00	\$2000.00/frequency	\$2000.00/frequency
BTV	Broadcast Television (6 MHz link)	\$1000.00	\$2000.00/frequency	\$2000.00/frequency
STL-1	Television STL Microwave (6MHz link)	\$500.00	\$1000.00/link	\$1000.00/link
STL-2	Radio STL Microwave	\$500.00		
	$\leq (25KHz$ link)		\$200.00/link	\$200.00/link
	$>(25KHz$ link)		\$500.00/link	\$500.00/link

SCHEDULE 3

SPECIAL LICENCE

[Regulation 5]

CODE	DESCRIPTION	APPLICATION FEE	On grant of licence (Initial fee)
SL	Special Licence		
SLE	Emergencies	Free	
SHT	Short term (≤ 30 days)	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
SHT1	Short term ($>30 \leq 90$ days)	\$500.00	\$5000.00

SCHEDULE 4

[Regulation 6]

MISCELLANEOUS

Code	Description	Licence Fees	
		Applications Fee	Initial
CPE	Customer Premises Equipment Dealers Registration Fee	100.00	\$250.00
	Customer Premises Equipment Wiring Registration fee	\$100.00	\$100.00
ROL	Radio Operators Licence	\$100.00	\$100.00
TAC	Type Approval Certification	\$500.00	\$500.00
EXM	Examination Fees For Radio Operators	\$ 30.00	N/A

Note : Radio Operators Licence, to include Aircraft and Ship Station Operators License

ANNEX 3

SCHEDULE 1

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK OR SERVICE
(Regulation 3)**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	APPLICATION FEE	(CURRENT) INITIAL FEE	(PROPOSE) INITIAL FEE	LICENSE FEE	REGULATORY FEE
FTNS	Full Telecommunication Network / Service	\$25,000.00	\$2,000,000.0	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00 or 7 % of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$75,000.00 or 1.8 % of gross revenue whichever is greater
TPL-3	Triple Play	\$15,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00 or 7 % of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$75,000.00 or 1.8 % of gross revenue whichever is greater
QUAD-4	Quadruple Play Providers	\$20,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00 or 7% of gross revenue whichever is greater	\$75,000.00 or 1.8% of gross revenue whichever is greater

LICENCE CODE	DESCRIPTION	APPLICATION FEE	LICENCE FEE		REGULATORY FEE (ANNUALLY)
			On grant of licence (Initial fee)	Annually	
AMR	Automated Meter Reading	\$1000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
PNS	Private Network or Service	\$1000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
AM	Aeronautical mobile Radio				\$1000.00
AMB	Based/fixed	\$500.00	\$100.00 /unit	\$100.00/unit	

Schedule 1 Justification

Full Telecommunications Network / Services (FTNS): Initial fee and license fee is revised from \$2,000,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00. to address anti-competitive concerns for the current market and provide incentives from an individual license.

TPL-3 (Triple Play) initial fee and license fee is revised from \$,1000,000 to \$300,000.00. to address anti-competitive concerns for the current market and provide incentives from an individual license.

QUAD-4 (Quadruple Play Providers) initial fee and license fee is revised from \$1,500,000 to \$500,000.00. to address anti-competitive concerns for the current market and provide incentives from an individual license.

BAM (Broadcasting AM Radio Station (commercial)) initial fee and license fees are being increase from \$250 to \$1000.00. to validate fees being paid to Government per contract.

AMR Automated Meter Reading is a new license category being introduce.

PNS Private Network or Service initial, Licence and regulatory fee increase to capture some services being offered international.

AMB Aeronautical Mobile Based/Fixed initial fee being reduce from \$500 to \$100 to rectify an error.

SCHEDULE 2

[Regulation 4]

SPECTRUM LICENCE

LICENCE CODE	DESCRIPTION	APPLICATION FEE	Initial Fee	Spectrum Fees
VST	Very Small Aperture Terminal (channel)	\$1000.00		
VST1	Dish ≤ 3.0 meter with one 64kbs CH		\$500.00	\$500.00/channel
VST2	Dish < 3.8 Meter with one 64 kbs CH		\$500.00	\$2000.00
CMBL	Cellular Microwave Backhaul links	\$1,000.00		
	≤ 28 MHz Bandwidth		\$5,000.00/frequency	\$5,000.00/frequency
	> 28 ≤ 56MHz Bandwidth		\$8,500.00/frequency	\$8,500.00/frequency
BWA	Broadband Wireless Access	\$1000.00		
	≤ 5 MHz Bandwidth		\$5000.00 / paired	\$5000.00 / paired
	>5 ≤ 15 MHz Bandwidth		\$10,000.00 / paired	\$10,000.00 / paired
	> 15 ≤ 30 MHz Bandwidth		\$30,000.00 /paired	\$30,000.00 /paired
FWA	Fixed Wireless Access (Point to point)	\$1000.00		
	≤ 5 MHz Bandwidth		\$500.00/frequency	\$500.00/frequency
	>5 ≤ 15MHz Bandwidth		\$800.00/frequency	\$800.00/frequency
	>15 ≤ 30 MHz Bandwidth		\$1500.00/frequency	\$1500.00/frequency
FWA	Fixed Wireless Access (Multi point to point)	\$1000.00		
	≤ 5 MHz Bandwidth		\$600.00/ frequency	\$600.00/ frequency
	>5 ≤ 15MHz Bandwidth		\$1500.00 /frequency	\$1500.00 /frequency
	>15 ≤ 30 Mhz Bandwidth		\$2000.00/frequency	\$2000.00/frequency
PMTF	Public Mobile Telecommunications Frequency			
	1710-1755MHz/ 2110-2155MHz (AWS-1)	\$1,000.00	\$5,000/ 5MHz (paired)	\$5,000/ 5MHz (paired)

MM	Maritime Mobile			
MMFH	Maritime Mobile Radio (fishing Boats)	\$50.00/unit		
BS	Broadcasting Station			
PBFM	Prime Broadcasting FM (88 MHz – 95MHz)			
PBFM-1	Broadcast FM Radio station (≤ 100Watts)	\$500.00	\$1000.00/Frequency	\$1000.00/Frequency
PBFM-2	Broadcast FM Radio station (≥250 ≤ 500 Watts)	\$500.00	\$1500.00/frequency	\$1500.00/frequency
PBFM-3	Broadcast FM Radio station (≥500W ≤ 1KWatts)	\$500.00	\$2500.00/frequency	\$2500.00/frequency
BFM-1	Broadcast FM Radio station (≤ 100Watts)	\$500.00	\$500.00/Frequency	\$500.00/Frequency
BFM-2	Broadcast FM Radio station (≥250 ≤ 500 Watts)	\$500.00	\$1000.00/frequency	\$1000.00/frequency
BFM-3	Broadcast FM Radio station (≥500W ≤ 1KWatts)	\$500.00	\$2000.00/frequency	\$2000.00/frequency
BTV	Broadcast Television (6 MHz link)	\$1000.00	\$2000.00/frequency	\$2000.00/frequency
STL-2	Radio STL Microwave	\$500.00		
	≤ (25KHz link)		\$200.00/link	\$200.00/link
	> (25KHz link)		\$500.00/link	\$500.00/link

Schedule 2 Justification

- VST1 (Dish ≤ 3.8 meter with one 64kbs CH), description being amended to Dish ≤ 3.0 to reflect correct dish size.
- VST2 (Dish < 3.8 Meter with one 64 kbs CH), category to be deleted. This service is captured in another category.
- CMBL Cellular Microwave Backhaul link < symbols, are being revised to ≤ (less than or equal to).
- BWA Broadband Wireless Access < symbols are being revised to ≤ (less than or equal to) and to correct initial fee from \$5000 to 10,000 for >5 ≤ 15 MHz Bandwidth.
- FWA Fixed Wireless Access (Point to point) < symbols are being revised to ≤ (less than or equal to).

- FWA Fixed Wireless Access (Multi point to point) < symbols are being revised to \leq (less than or equal to).
- PMTF, new frequency range category being introduce .
- MMFH Maritime Mobile Radio (fishing Boats) being move to appropriate schedule.
- BS Broadcasting Station < symbols are being revised to \leq (less than or equal to).
- PBFM, is introduced to make band (88MHz- 95MHz) prime with condition, which can be heard on both American and Japanese cars, as the frequencies are limited.
- BTV Broadcast Television (6 MHz link) initial and annual spectrum fee of \$3,000 being reduce to \$2000 to reflect current market.