Made by the Minister under section 44(3) of the Telecommunications Act, (No. 8 of 2000).

(Gazetted 29th October, 2009)

1. This Order may be cited as the -

TELECOMMUNICATIONS (UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND CONTRIBUTION) ORDER, 2009.

2. In this Order-

“gross annual revenue” means the gross revenue earned in providing telecommunications services for the reporting year, received by, or due to a licensee and its affiliates, from any source before any deductions are made for expenses, discounts, returns or offsets of any kind which are not domestic interconnection payments or charges collected for and on behalf of the government;

“reporting year” means any annual period for which financial reports are accepted or agreed to be accepted by the Commission.

3. A telecommunications provider shall contribute to the Universal Service Fund -

(a) 0.25% of the gross annual revenue of the first year of its licence;

(b) 0.5% of the gross annual revenue of the second year of its licence;
(c) 1.0% of the gross annual revenue of the third year of its licence; and

(d) 1.0% of the gross annual revenue of every other year of its licence

4. (1) A telecommunications provider shall make its contribution to the Universal Service Fund within 45 days of the end of the reporting year.

(2) The contribution shall be accompanied by the gross annual revenue report of the telecommunications provider and any supporting documents or information which provide details of the calculation of the gross annual revenue.

Made by the Minister this 20th day of October, 2009.

REGINALD AUSTRIE
Minister for Telecommunications

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