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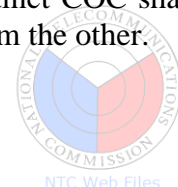
Pursuant to the provisions of RA 6849 otherwise known as the Municipal Telephone Act of 1990, the following interim guidelines are hereby promulgated:

1.0 INTERCONNECTION

- 1.1 The primary service shall be long distance telephone service. Data services secondary services.
- 1.2 Each participating carrier in the MTPO projects shall interconnect on a network to network basis and on a trunk level.
- 1.3 Cost of interconnection shall be equally shared by each interconnecting carrier. Each carrier shall be responsible on each side of the interconnection.
- 1.4 Initially, all carriers shall interconnect following a star configuration where PLDT being the dominant carrier shall be the central interconnecting point. Subsequent interconnections shall be allowed as may be required and subject to interconnection agreement between the carriers and subject further to the approval carries cannot come to an agreement, the Commission shall set the terms of the interconnection.
- 1.5 All interconnecting companies shall submit to PLDT their proposed network for the next 18 months broken down into three stages of 6 months per stage. These stages shall include number of circuits required for interconnection. Additional circuit requirements shall be provided on a mutual agreement between the carriers. However, in cases where the carries cannot come to terms, the Commission shall resolve the disagreement.
- 1.6 The signalling standard that shall be adopted shall be the MFC R2 signalling based on the signalling used in TELOF-PLDT interconnection in Regions I and II. The details of the signalling shall be discussed between PLDT and each of the carries.
- 1.7 Within thirty (30) days from notice by each interconnecting parties that they are ready to interconnect, the interconnection of the facilities/networks shall be effected.

2.0 NUMBERING PLAN

- 2.1 For PCOs using conventional networks, the numbering plan shall adopt the existing numbering plan area codes. In order to identify the province where the PCO is located the existing NPA + COC will be used. In cases where two or more provinces have the same NPAs, a distinct COC shall be allocated each province to differentiate one province from the other.



xxx xxx yyyy
NPA COC PCO number

- 2.2 For PCOs using CMTS technology, a three-digit mobile access code (MAC) shall be allocated to each CMTS operator. The area where the PCO is located shall be determined by the mobile exchange code (MEC).

xxx xxx yyy
MAC MEC PCO number

- 2.3 For PT&T which is presently using a different numbering plan, network access code or a dummy code shall be allocated to access PT&T's network.

- 2.4 Efforts shall be exerted to conform with the provisions of MC 10-16-90 under the heading "Numbering Plan" at the earliest possible time.

3.0 RATES AND TARIFF AND REVENUE SHARING

3.1 Rates

3.1.1 The PCOs shall adopt the approved long distance telephone service rates of PLDT.

3.1.2 In order to help defray expenses for the maintenance of the PCOs, over and above the long distance telephone rates, the PCO operator may collect from the originating callers service charge not exceeding the lowest standard operator assisted long distance rates for the first 2 minutes subject to annual review.

3.1.3 For call terminating in a CMTS PCO, the authorized rates for the mobile subscribers may be applied.

3.2 Revenue Sharing

3.2.1 In the interim, the existing toll revenue sharing between the PAPTELCO members and PLDT defined under NTC Case No. 88-145 shall be adopted.

3.2.2 The share of the toll network operators should be shared by the carries where the call is passed. Such sharing arrangement shall be embodied in the interconnection agreement entered into by the carries duly approved by the Commission.

3.3 Unbundling of Domestic Toll Rates

3.3.1 The domestic toll rates shall be unbundled and broken down into unbundled and broken down into Transmission Cost and Operator Cost. Transmission cost shall be subject to revenue sharing while Operator Cost shall be retained by the network operator.



4.0 FREQUENCY ALLOCATION

- 4.1 All MTPO participants shall submit to the Commission not later than one hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this circular their network diagram including the frequency requirements.
- 4.2 The Commission shall give priority to the MTPO project participants in frequency allocations. However, in cases where the requested frequency cannot be allocated because of possible interference to existing authorized stations, the concerned carrier shall be properly notified and shall be advised of other frequencies that are available for allocation.

5.0 EFFECTIVITY

- 5.1 This circular shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Quezon City, Philippines, August 09, 1991.

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