

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it generally by Sections 3, 6, 7 and 22 of the Belize Telecommunications Act, No. 16 of 2002, and Sections 32 and 48 of the Public Utilities Commission Act, Chapter 223 of the Laws of Belize, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) hereby serves Notice this day, June 30, 2010, to the general public that the Commission intends to make certain amendments to the *Belize Telecommunications General Order (Interconnection, Infrastructure Sharing, International Access) No. 1 of 2010*, and the *Belize Telecommunications Interconnection and Infrastructure Sharing Regulations Order, 2010* that were issued by the Commission on February 12, 2010.

Reasons for Intended Amendments:

The Commission intends to make the proposed amendments to provide for the better implementation of the objectives of the Belize Telecommunications Act and for better regulation and control of the telecommunications sector in the public interest.

Intended Amendments:

The Commission intends to make amendments to the Orders to the following effect:

- a) To provide that no Licensee shall be allowed unrestricted access to any network or facility for the provision or receipt of international telecommunications services, in order to prevent the provision of telecommunications services in Belize by persons or companies not licensed to provide such services in Belize.
- b) To clarify various sections or provisions in the said Orders which, according to comments received from interested persons, have been a source of confusion or misinterpretation.
- c) To expand and clarify the rate setting methodology or methodologies for the fixing of charges related to interconnection and infrastructure sharing.

Comments:

The deadline for comments to be received from members of the general public, including licensees, is July 7, 2010.

Comments may be made:

- a) in writing and delivered to the PUC at:

Public Utilities Commission
41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City
P. O. Box 300

- b) by email to the PUC at:

info@puc.bz

Intended Date of Intended Amendments:

The Commission intends to make the amendments to the Orders on July 12, 2010.