BELIZE:		

Order made by the Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") in the exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Belize Telecommunications Act, Chapter 229 of the Laws of Belize and under the Telecommunications (Licensing Classification, Authorisation, and Fee Structure) Regulations, 2002 and all other powers thereunto the Commission enabling.

**Short title.** 1. This Order may be cited as the:

## REVOCATION OF GENERAL AUTHORISATION AND CLASS LICENCE OF ST. CHARLES CABLE SERVICES, 2022 (NO. 3 OF 2022, TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR)

## WHEREAS,

- (A) On 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 the Public utilities Commission ("the PUC") in the exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 15 of the Belize Telecommunications Act, Chapter 229 of the Laws of Belize ("the Act") and in accordance with Regulation 4 and Regulation 6 of the Telecommunications (Licensing Classification, Authorisation, and Fee structure) Regulations, 2002 ("the Regulations"), issued a General Authorisation to ST. CHARLES CABLE SERVICES for the Provision of Internet Service;
- (B) In accordance with section 15 of the Act and pursuant to the General Authorisation, ST. CHARLES CABLE SERVICES ("the Licensee") was granted an Internet Service Class Licence for the Provision of Internet Service on certain terms and conditions ("the Class Licence");
- (C) By letter dated 23 March 22 the Licensee formally notified the PUC that it had officially handed over full operational management of the Licensee's operations to Nexgen/Southern Cable Network (SCN) effective from 1 February 2022;
- (D) By letter dated April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the PUC proposed that the General Authorisation and Class Licence be revoked as a result of the breach by the Licensee of sections 19(5) and 19(7) of the Act and section 11(2)(a) and 11(2)(b) of the Regulations, and the Licensee was given thirty (30) days in which to make representations to the PUC and/or correct the breaches;

- (E) The Licensee failed to make any representation within the thirty (30) day notice period or to correct the said breaches; and
- (F) In light of the above the PUC hereby makes the following Order.

## **ORDER**

- (1) Pursuant to subsection 19(12)(a) and subsection 19(12)(b) of the Belize Telecommunications Act, 2002, Chapter 229 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, the Public Utilities Commission hereby revokes both the General Authorisation and Class License granted to ST. CHARLES CABLE SERVICES for the Provision of Internet Service.
- (2) The revocation of the General Authorisation and Class License hereunder shall be without prejudice to the rights and remedies of the Public Utilities Commission to recover any fees, fines or other amounts due either now or in the future under the Act.
- (3) This Order shall take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022.

Dated the 1st day of June, 2022.

Dean Molina

Chairman-PUC