# Press Release

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## PUC Implements Transitional Tariff Freeze Following Market Dominance Determination

*Belize City, March 12, 2026* – The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) advises the public that, following its Final Determination on Market Dominance in the Telecommunications Sector issued on March 10, 2026, the Commission is implementing a transitional tariff freeze through the **Belize Telecommunications (Transitional Tariff Freezing) Regulations, 2026.**

These Regulations, outlined in Statutory Instrument (S.I.) No. 36 of 2026, provide for the freezing of telecommunications tariffs charged by Belize Telemedia Limited ("BTL") as the dominant operator within relevant markets, and shall be effective March 11, 2026 to December 31, 2028.

Under the Regulations, Tariffs charged for telecommunications services supplied by BTL shall remain at the levels prevailing on the date the PUC declared the operator dominant and shall not be changed without the prior approval of the PUC. In this regard, the transitional tariff freeze applies to:

1. **Changes to Bundle Services**
2. **Migration of Subscribers**
3. **Introduction of New Tariffs or Services**
4. **Application procedures**

This tariff freeze is intended to maintain price stability while the Commission implements the broader regulatory framework arising from its market dominance determination. The measure forms part of the PUC's mandate to promote fair competition, transparency, and consumer protection within the telecommunications sector.

The transitional tariff freezing Regulations and the list of prevailing tariffs can be viewed by clicking the links below:

Telecommunications (Transitional Tariff Freezing) Regulations, 2026

Regulated Telecommunications Rates for Belize Telemedia Limited

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