

# Unofficial Translation



Order of the National Telecommunications Commission

No. 11/2010

Re: Interconnection Reference Rates

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Pursuant to complaints about difficult connection with other networks and inadequate circuit to serve traffic volumes, thus affecting the quality of mobile phone services, the National Telecommunications Commission as the telecommunications business regulator has viewed that one of the major causes is that some mobile phone operators have refused to sign interconnection contracts in accordance with the criteria set in the Notification of the National Telecommunications Commission Re: Telecommunications Network Access and Interconnection, B.E. 2549 (2006) citing legal issues and disputes over interconnection charge rates. Since 2006 to date, 14 cases have been brought to dispute resolution process. The National Telecommunications Commission has made its ruling on several cases, some of which are currently under coercive measures as specified in the ruling. Nevertheless, the disputes over interconnection charge rates have not been settled.

In order to promote free and fair competition and to protect service users' rights, the National Telecommunications Commission at its meeting no. 8/2010 on Friday, 2 April 2010, has adopted a temporary measure to settle the disputes regarding interconnection contract by virtue of the provisions in Section 25 and Section 26 of the Telecommunications Business Act, B.E. 2544 (2001) as follows:

1. To ensure that interconnection contract negotiations are fair and are conducted in an orderly manner, the National Telecommunications Commission hereby prescribes temporary reference rates for interconnection which shall be in force for a period of one year as from the date of issuing this order to enforce any licensee or operator who fails to agree on the interconnection charge rates within the timeframe prescribed in the Notification of the

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National Telecommunications Commission Re: Telecommunications Network Access and Interconnection, B.E. 2549 (2006). The reference rates are as listed below:

1.1 Interconnection charge rates for mobile phone service:

- Call origination: 0.50 Baht (Fifty Satang) per minute
- Call termination: 0.50 Baht (Fifty Satang) per minute
- Call transit: 0.20 Baht (Twenty Satang) per minute

1.2 Interconnection charge rates for fixed line service:

- Call origination: 0.49 Baht (Forty-nine Satang) per minute
- Call termination: 0.36 Baht (Thirty-six Satang) per minute
- Call transit: 0.08 Baht (Eight Satang) per minute

2. Licensees shall provide services in strict compliance with the service standards as prescribed by relevant laws and notifications of the National Telecommunications Commission and be absolutely prohibited from terminating their telecommunications service signals.

Taking effect from now on.

Ordered on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April B.E. 2553 (2010)

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Chairman of the National Telecommunications Commission

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