



NOTICE

DETERMINATION 2014/01



Implementation of Number Portability in Trinidad and Tobago

WHEREAS:

- A. By **Section 25 (2) (j)** of the Act, the Authority shall require a concessionaire to “...provide, to the extent technically feasible, number portability *when required to do so and in accordance with the requirements prescribed, by the Authority*”;
- B. By **Regulation 2** of the Interconnection Regulations “...number portability means the ability of a customer to retain the same telephone number on changing telephone service providers”.
- C. By **Regulation 9** of the Interconnection Regulations a concessionaire is required “...to configure its network to facilitate number portability between similar networks *as and when directed by the Authority*”;
- D. By **Condition A42** of the concession for the provision of public telecommunications services, the concessionaire shall, in accordance with any regulations relating to number portability, facilitate the portability of numbers assigned to any customer of any operator of public telecommunications networks or provider of public telecommunications services;
- E. On 30th September, 2012 the Authority published a document titled “*Implementation of Number Portability for the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago*” which set out the plans for the implementation of Number Portability in Trinidad and Tobago;
- F. On or around 15th January, 2013 the Authority commenced meetings with all operators who are required at this time to implement number portability namely, Columbus

Communications Trinidad Limited, Digicel (Trinidad and Tobago) Limited, Lisa Communications, Open Telecom, Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago and Three Sixty Communications;

- G. The Authority required that each said operator conduct an assessment of its state of readiness so as to deduce the most appropriate date of commencement for the implementation of mobile to mobile number portability and fixed to fixed number portability;
- H. Having considered the submission of all operators who have this complied with this request;

NOW THEREFORE, THE AUTHORITY MAKES, FOR THE REASONS SET OUT IN THE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATION:

1. DECLARATION OF COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NUMBER PORTABILITY IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- (i) The date by which mobile to mobile number portability service is to commence shall be no later than *26th February 2015* and all operators who are so required shall comply namely: Digicel (Trinidad and Tobago) Limited, Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago;
- (ii) The date by which fixed to fixed number portability service is to commence shall be no later than *1st May 2015* and all operators who are so required shall comply namely: Columbus Communications Trinidad Limited, Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago, Lisa Telecommunications, Open Telecom and Three Sixty Communications.

2. BINDING NATURE AND EFFECTIVE DATE

- (i) This determination is binding upon all operators so required by the Authority to implement number portability pursuant to section 25(2)(j) of the Act.
- (ii) This Determination shall take effect on the day that it is published.

3. INTERPRETATION

- (i) “**Act**” means the Telecommunications Act, Chap. 47:31 of the laws of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.
- (ii) “**Authority**” means the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago established by the Act.
- (iii) “**Interconnection Regulations**” means the Telecommunications (Interconnection) Regulations 2006 made pursuant to the Act.



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Selby Wilson
Chairman

Dated 31st day of July 2014