



Liberia Telecommunications Authority

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LTA-ORDER-0012-10-05-15

PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL UNIVERSAL ACCESS POLICY STRATEGY 2014 (NUAPS), THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ICT POLICY 2011 (ICT POLICY) AND THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 2007, THE LIBERIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY HEREBY ISSUES AND PUBLISHES THIS ORDER TO ESTABLISH A UNIVERSAL ACCESS FUND, AS CONTEMPLATED BY THE LTA REGULATIONS ON THE UNIVERSAL ACCESS FUND (LTA-REG-0006) AND THE ASSOCIATED OPERATIONS MANUAL, BOTH OF WHICH WERE ADOPTED BY THE LTA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 AND ARE HEREBY ISSUED:

1. No later than 30 days after the coming into effect of the Regulations on the Universal Access Fund, all Service Providers (as defined in the Act) shall provide nominations to the LTA Chairperson for onward transmission to the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, for inclusion on the Universal Access Governing Board (Board), which shall be chaired by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications; and for inclusion on the Universal Access Implementation Committee (Committee), which shall be chaired by the LTA Chairperson; said nominees shall be persons of integrity and good reputation and have knowledge of or experience in the ICT/Telecom sector; and shall not:
 - be elected officials of Government, nor a candidate for an elected office of Government, whether national, local or provincial for the duration of his or her appointment; and
 - have a criminal record, be insolvent or bankrupt, have been dismissed from any position by reason of mismanagement, or be of unsound mind.
2. No later than 30 days after the coming into effect of the Regulations on the Universal Access Fund (UAF), the Chairperson of the Board shall reconstitute the Board taking into account the inclusion of three additional members nominated by Service Providers.
3. No later than 30 days after reconstitution of the Board, the Chairperson of the Board shall appoint the Committee pursuant to section 5 of the LTA Regulations on the Universal Access Fund UAF (Regulations).
4. No later than 30 days after appointment of the Committee, the Chairperson of the Committee shall cause a bank account to be opened, in the form of an escrow account, with a registered and recognized bank in Liberia and shall ensure that the name and any transaction done on this account shall be in accordance with section 9 of the Regulations.
5. No later than 60 days after the opening of the escrow account, the Chairperson, along with members of the Committee shall establish an independent unit within the LTA called the UAF Project Implementation Unit (PIU) responsible, as directed by the Committee.

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for the management and implementation of the tasks required to implement the National Universal Access Program Strategy (NUAPS) under the Regulations.

6. Within three months of the date of the financial year end, Service Providers shall make payments of their annual contributions directly into the Fund, on the basis of the Service Provider's audited financial statements, with proof of payment being furnished to the LTA at the time of payment. The LTA may revise the annual contribution of Service Providers, in keeping with section 10.3 of the UAF Regulations.

THIS ORDER SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON PUBLICATION; IT SHALL HAVE THE SAME LEGAL FORCE AS A RULE OF THE LTA OR PURSUANT TO LEGAL PROCESS.

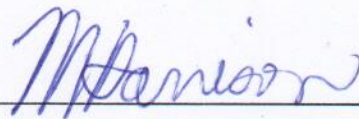
ISSUED THIS 5th DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 2015 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CONGOTOWN, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

Signed:



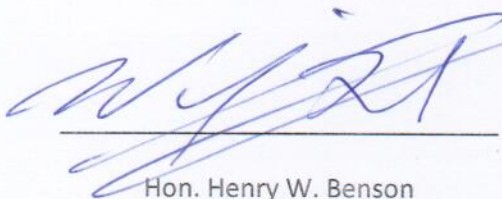
Hon. B. Anthony McCritty, Sr.

Commissioner



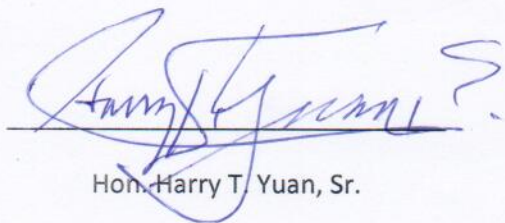
Hon. Maria G. Harrison

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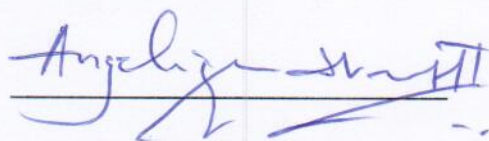
Hon. Henry W. Benson

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Hon. Harry T. Yuan, Sr.

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Hon. Angelique Weeks

Chairperson