
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 203 of title 21 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of opening up competition for all telecommunication services, internet services, cellular services and radio and television broadcasting within the Federated States of Micronesia and between points in the Federated States of Micronesia and points outside thereof, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Section 203 of title 21 of the Code of
2 the Federated States of Micronesia, is hereby amended to
3 read as follows:

4 "Section 203. Powers and responsibilities of
5 the Corporation.

6 The Corporation has the following powers and
7 responsibilities:

8 (1) to [~~operate as the sole provider of all~~]
9 provide telecommunications services, internet
10 services, cellular services and [~~except~~] radio
11 and television broadcasting, within the
12 Federated States of Micronesia and between
13 points in the Federated States of Micronesia and
14 points outside thereof;

15 (2) to operate and manage such services on the
16 basis of commercially accepted practices,
17 treating all users of telecommunications
18 services on equitable terms in accordance with

1 its published tariffs, and requiring all users
2 to pay for the services provided;

3 (3) to plan for the expansion and improvement
4 of telecommunications facilities and services;

5 (4) to the extent practicable, to expand
6 telecommunications services to areas and
7 communities in the Federated States of
8 Micronesia that are presently unserved or poorly
9 served and to improve the quality, reliability,
10 and variety of services available to all users
11 in a manner consistent with commercial
12 reasonableness and with promoting economic
13 development, the advancement of education and
14 health care, and the preservation of the
15 cultural identity of the people of the Federated
16 States of Micronesia;

17 (5) to improve the telecommunications skills
18 and promote the telecommunications training of
19 Micronesian citizens who are employees of the
20 Corporation;

21 (6) to establish, publish, and implement a
22 structure of tariffs and rates for
23 telecommunications services calculated to ensure
24 that, to the extent practicable, adequate and
25 equitable charges are imposed for services and

1 that the tariff structure promotes the increased
2 use of telecommunications services;

3 (7) to invest all surplus revenues of the
4 Corporation in the expansion and improvement of
5 telecommunications facilities and services;

6 (8) to incur indebtedness for the purpose of
7 expanding and improving telecommunications
8 facilities, to the extent and on such terms as
9 are deemed commercially reasonable by the
10 Corporation;

11 (9) to provide on a reimbursable basis
12 emergency telecommunications services to
13 governments, individuals, and entities in the
14 Federated States of Micronesia [~~and~~].

15 ~~[(10) to represent the Federated States of~~
16 ~~Micronesia with regard to telecommunications~~
17 ~~matters in such international organizations and~~
18 ~~for a in which the Federated States of~~
19 ~~Micronesia is represented, subject to the policy~~
20 ~~guidance of the Government of the Federated~~
21 ~~States of Micronesia].~~

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25 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the

1 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
2 becoming law without such approval.

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4 Date: 12/2/13

Introduced by: /s/ Yosiwo P. George
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