

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 21 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, an amended, by amending section 203 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 the
2 Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:

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

6 The Corporation has the following powers and
7 responsibilities:

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

13 (2) to operate and manage such services on the basis
14 of commercially accepted practices, treating all users
15 of telecommunications services on equitable terms in
16 accordance with its published tariffs, and requiring all
17 users to pay for the services provided;

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

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

12 (5) to improve the telecommunications skills and
13 promote the telecommunications training of Micronesian
14 citizens who are employees of the Corporation;

15 (6) to establish, publish, and implement a structure
16 of tariffs and rates for telecommunications services
17 calculated to ensure that, to the extent practicable,
18 adequate and equitable charges are imposed for services
19 and that the tariff structure promotes the increased use
20 of telecommunications services;

21 (7) to invest all surplus revenues of the Corporation
22 in the expansion and improvement of telecommunications
23 facilities and services;

24 (8) to incur indebtedness for the purpose of expanding
25 and improving telecommunications facilities, to the

1 extent and on such terms as are deemed commercially
2 reasonable by the Corporation;

3 (9) to provide on a reimbursable basis emergency
4 telecommunications services to governments, individuals,
5 and entities in the Federated States of Micronesia; and

6 (10) to represent the Federated States of Micronesia
7 with regard to telecommunications matters in such
8 international organizations and fora in which the
9 Federated States of Micronesia is represented, subject
10 to the policy guidance of the Government of the
11 Federated States of Micronesia."

12 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
13 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
14 becoming law without such approval.

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16 Date: 1/17/05

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