
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 21 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 203 for the purpose of allowing competition in the provision of telecommunications services in the Federated States of Micronesia, 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~~
10 ~~television broadcasting,~~] within the Federated States of
11 Micronesia and between points in the Federated States of
12 Micronesia and points outside thereof;

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

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

20 (4) to the extent practicable, to expand

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

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

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

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

22 (8) to incur indebtedness for the purpose of
23 expanding and improving telecommunications facilities,
24 to the extent and on such terms as are deemed
25 commercially reasonable by the Corporation;

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

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

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

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14 Date: 11/19/10

Introduced by: /s/ Tony H. Otto

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