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:

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

"Section 203. Powers and responsibilities of the Corporation.

The Corporation has the following powers and responsibilities:

(1) to provide telecommunications 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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Date: 12/2/13  
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