

*Telecommunications (Universal Service Fund Contribution) Order***SAINT LUCIA**

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT, 2009, No. 45

[ 6th April, 2009 ]

In exercise of the power conferred by section 43 (3), of the Telecommunications Act, Cap.8.11, the Minister responsible for Telecommunications makes this Order.

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Telecommunications (Universal Service Fund Contribution) Order 2009.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order, "Gross Annual Revenue" —

- (a) means the gross revenue earned in the provision of telecommunications services for the reporting year, received by, or due to the licensee and its affiliates, from whatever source derived before any deductions for expenses, discounts returns, or offsets of any kind;
- (b) does not include domestic interconnection payments, taxes and charges collected for and on behalf of the Government.

**Universal Service Fund Contribution**

3. A telecommunications provider shall contribute to the Universal Service Fund as follows:

- (a) in respect of the first year, 0.25% of Gross Annual Revenue of licence;
- (b) in respect of the second year, 0.5% of Gross Annual Revenue of licence;
- (c) in respect of the third year, 1.0% of Gross Annual Revenue of licence and throughout the duration of the licence.

**Due date for payment**

4. The due date for payment shall be within 45 days of the reporting year and shall be accompanied by a gross annual revenue report and supporting attachments that provide details of the calculation.

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Made this 20th day of March, 2009.

**GUY JOSEPH,**  
*Minister responsible for Telecommunications.*