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IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE DOMESTIC SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

In line with Department Circular No. 93-273, and the provisions of Executive Order No. 546 and 205, Act No. 3846, as amended (Radio Control Law), Act No. 146, as amended (Public Service Act), The National Telecommunications Commission hereby promulgates the Communications Services.

Article I
Definition of Terms

SECTION 1. The following definitions shall apply -

Commission shall refer to the National Telecommunications Commission.

Satellite Communications shall refer to the transmission, emission and/or reception of radio signals involving one or more space and earth stations.

Satellite Earth Station shall refer to a station in the satellite service located either on earth's surface or within a major portion of the earth's atmosphere and intended for communications.

Space Segment composed of orbiting satellite and the associated equipment used to track, monitor, and control the operation of the satellite. The term does not include ground equipment such as earth stations.

Space Segment Provider shall refer to the owner or operator of in-orbit communications satellite system which leases or sells communications capacity to duly authorized space segment leases.

Satellite Communications Service Provider shall refer to any entity authorized by the Commission to provide satellite communications services, either as a carrier's carrier and/or common carrier.

Satellite Carrier's Carrier Services shall refer to satellite communications services provided by a satellite carrier to a carrier, usually a terrestrially-based carrier.

Space Segment Lessee shall refer to any entity authorized by the Commission to lease space segment capacity.

Receive-Only Satellite Earth Station shall refer to a satellite earth station designed to receive satellite signals. Such stations may be used to receive data, such as stock market prices or newswire services, or television programs.

Redistribution of Satellite TV Programs shall refer to the act of receiving satellite TV programs and retransmitting same through any mode, i.e., tape, wire or wireless for public viewing.

Satellite Television Receive Only (TVRO) Station shall refer to a satellite earth station whereby sound and video signals are received directly from a satellite.

Non-Commercial TVRO (NC-TVRO) Station shall refer to:

- a. A TVRO station intended for personal receiving only by an individual and his immediate family members.
- b. TVRO stations operated by government agencies, instrumentalities or offices, provided no fees are charged or collected from the public.
- c. TVRO stations owned/operated by foreign government, entities, UN agencies provided use is limited to their premises only.

Commercial TVRO (C-TVRO) Station shall refer to a TVRO intended for operation in consideration of monetary or material gain.

Registration Certificate shall refer to a certificate issued by the Commission authorizing the holder to operate a TVRO station.

TVRO Station License shall refer to a written authority issued by the Commission to a person, firm, company, association or corporation authorizing the holder to operate a commercial TVRO station during the period specified in the said instrument or authorization.

Private Domestic Satellite Network shall refer to a satellite network owned and operated by private entities or corporations requiring satellite communications services.

Article II Existing Authorized Operators

SECTION 2. Existing duly enfranchised and authorized satellite communication services providers may apply for such service/s as can be offered within the capabilities of existing system, or for such services as may be developed in the future and/or for expansion subject to the limitations of their franchises and authorizations from the Commission.

SECTION 3. Applications for all satellite communications services to be offered shall contain, among others, the technical description of the proposed service, the proposed rate to be charged, the economic and financial feasibility studies which shall be evaluated on the bases of applicant's legal, financial, and technical capabilities.

Article III New Applicants for the Domestic Satellite Service