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Number Portability: Cost Allocation and Recovery

On November 19, 2013, the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) issued a Final Determination on the implementation of Fixed Number Portability (FNP) in The Bahamas, which addresses issues related to cost allocation and cost recovery [URCA Document Reference ECS 17/2013]. The Determination follows URCA's July 30, 2013 Preliminary Determination on the implementation of FNP [URCA Document Reference ECS 11/2013] in which URCA outlined its proposal for cost allocation and cost recovery. Operators were permitted to respond to URCA's proposal. URCA's consideration of their responses is included in this Final Determination.

URCA's review included issues related to internal set-up costs, common industry system costs, per porting costs and additional call conveyance costs. URCA examined relevant costing principles and costs associated with the implementation of number portability.

This current Final Determination on "Cost Allocation and Recovery" is supplemental to ECS 15/2013 (issued October 29, 2013) and sets forth URCA's final decisions on how the costs of implementing FNP in The Bahamas will be allocated and recovered.

The document and relevant attachments are available on URCA's website at www.urbahamas.bs.

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