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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

PAKISTAN TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 21st April, 2010

S. R. O. 295(I)/2010.—In exercise of the Powers conferred by clause (o) sub-section (2) of Section 5 of the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) Act, 1996, the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority has approved an amendment in the Class Licensing and Registration Regulations, 2007.

The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority is pleased to notify following amendments in the Class Licensing and Registration Regulations, 2007 No. S.R.O. 692 (1)/2007: dt. 11th July 2007.

Short title and Commencement.—(1) These Regulations shall be called the Class Licensing and Registration (Amendment) Regulations, 2010.

(2) They shall come into force from the date of a gazette notification.

At page No. 3058 after regulation 17 the following new regulation shall be inserted:

17 (A) The licensee shall be obliged to commence any licensed services within one year from the date of grant of license:

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Provided that licensees duly authorized to provide more than one licensed service in their license shall be required to obtain a commencement certificate for all class licensed services separately in accordance with sub-regulation A (ii) of regulation 17 as provided below.

17(A) (i) The licensee shall not provide any licensed services, within a period as required in regulation 17 (A) above, to a customer, or accept any payment from a customer in respect of the Licensed Services to be provided by the licensee, unless a commencement certificate is issued for each licensed services by the Authority certifying that the licensee has established the required telecom system under the provision of the license and is able to provide licensed services.

17 (A) (ii) The licensee shall give 30 days prior notice to the Authority of the date on which the licensee intends to commence any licensed services to the customers. The licensee shall co-operate with the Authority in the scrutiny and investigation of its Telecommunication System and the Licensed Services in connection with the issuance of a commencement certificate:

Provided that if the current licensees have already commenced their licensed services without obtaining a commencement certificate, shall be required to obtain the commencement certificate afresh for provision of licensed services within thirty (30) days from the date of gazette notification of these regulations:

Provided further that if the current licensees have not yet commenced their licensed services they are required to obtain commencement certificate within six months (06) from the date of gazette notification of these regulations.

17(A) (iii) A licensee may apply to the Authority for extension in the required date of commencement of services, only in exceptional circumstances:

Provided that the application of the licensee for grant of extension in the date of commencement under these regulations may only be considered by the Authority if deemed appropriate, and the decision of the Authority shall be final and binding.

17 (A) (iv) The Authority may, if required, prescribe its Standard Operating Procedures for issuance of commencement certificate under these Regulations in accordance with the nature/type of licensed services.

[F. No. 50/Regs/PTA/2005.]

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