



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 143

RESOLUTION REQUESTING TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES TO UPGRADE THEIR WIRELESS AND NON-WIRELESS SIGNALS AND INSTALL ADDITIONAL CELLULAR SITES TO FURTHER AMELIORATE THEIR CONNECTIVITY WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)

WHEREAS, under Section 39, Article XIII of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11054, otherwise known as Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, states that the Bangsamoro Government shall have the authority to grant regional franchises, licenses, and permits to telecommunication utilities whose frequencies are confined to and whose main offices are located within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;

WHEREAS, under the same provision in R.A. No. 11054, Section 39(c), the Bangsamoro Government shall have authority to exercise quasi-judicial powers over the operation of telecommunication companies in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in accordance with the rules of procedure established by the Parliament;

WHEREAS, Section 4, Article II of R.A. No. 7925, otherwise known as Public Telecommunications Policy Act of the Philippines, states that telecommunications is essential to the economic development, integrity and security of the Philippines, and as such shall be developed and administered as to safeguard, enrich and strengthen the economic, cultural, social and political fabric of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Section 4(a), of R.A. No. 7925, the fundamental objective of government is to develop and maintain a viable, efficient, reliable and universal telecommunication infrastructure using the best available and affordable technology, as a vital tool to nation building and development;

WHEREAS, Section 4(b) of R.A. No. 7925 further states that the expansion of the telecommunications network shall give priority to improving and extending basic services to areas not yet served and for this purpose, government shall promote a fair, efficient and responsive market to stimulate the growth and development of the telecommunications facilities and services with emphasis on the accessibility by persons to basic services in unserved and underserved areas at affordable rates;

WHEREAS, telecommunications play an important role in every community as an instrument to achieve investments, social welfare, and economic growth;

WHEREAS, the internet Wireless Fidelity (WIFI) connections have become an essential part of our everyday living and activities under the new normal life with this pandemic resulting to the increase in the demand for internet services in the region;

WHEREAS, installations of additional cell sites will undoubtedly improve the network signal and connectivity in BARMM especially in far flung areas needing reliable signal for the general welfare of the people and further create jobs and employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, Local Government Units need to be more considerate in the permit requirements and procedures in the construction of cell towers in the region and to allow telecommunications to put up cell sites within their jurisdiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, as it is hereby resolved, to request telecommunication companies to upgrade their wireless and non-wireless signals and to install additional cellular sites to further ameliorate their connectivity within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, to forward this Resolution to the Ministry of Transportation and Communication (MOTC), Philippine Long Distance Telephone (PLDT) Company, Globe Telecommunications, and DITO Telecommunity for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED, Muharram 15, 1443/August 24, 2021.

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