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WHEREAS, certain provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 2007, Part IV and Schedule A, have become obsolete and inadequate and require edits, corrections and changes to address issues and gaps;

WHEREAS, inadequacies of such provisions necessitate amendments to the Telecommunications Act of 2007, Part IV and Schedule A;

WHEREAS, the amendments to the Telecommunications Act of 2007, Part IV and Schedule A, will enable the Liberia Telecommunications Corporation "LIBTELCO" a National Operator has its RIGHTS and PRIVILEGES to achieve the highest sustainable growth and employment, to have financial independence, and to make significant contribution to the national budget for economic growth;

Now, Therefore, It is ENACTED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in Legislature assembled:

PART IV

LICENSED SERVICE PROVIDERS

12. Telecommunications Licensees and National Operators

The following Sub-sections are amended as follow:

2. The LTA shall regulate all licensees in accordance with the objectives set out in Section 3, the other provisions of this Act and applicable telecommunications sector policies.
3. A license shall be designated by the LTA to the Liberia Telecommunications Corporation as the "National Operator". The purpose of National Operator designation is to ensure that identified national or public interests, such as the provision of secure telecommunications networks and services to Government departments, are met and that sector policies are achieved. Designations of National Operator status is only for the country's national telecommunication operator as long as the Government of Liberia owns significant shares in the National Operator (Liberia Telecommunications Corporation);

4. The particular rights, responsibilities and consequences of being designated a National Operator shall be defined in directions issued jointly by the Minister and the LTA. Those directions shall be determined following an assessment of whether market forces are sufficient to meet the identified national or public interests, including any consultation to be conducted pursuant to Sections 7(1) or 11(4).
5. A National Operator shall be the government own telecommunication operator and shall be given all consideration thereto; and except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act, a National Operator shall subscribe to and be governed by all provisions of this Act and all regulations, rules and orders promulgated by the LTA.

13. Liberia Telecommunications Corporation

The Sub-sections of Section 13 are amended as follow:

- (1) It is hereby recognized the existence of a corporation to be known and to do business as the Liberia Telecommunications Corporation (LIBTELCO). The capacities and other features of the (LIBTELCO) are identified in Schedule A to this Act.
- (2) As indicated in Schedule A to this Act, the Liberia Telecommunications Corporation is designated a National Operator as of the commencement date. The Liberia Telecommunications Corporation's rights, responsibilities and consequences of being designated a National Operator shall be defined in directions issued jointly by the Minister and the LTA pursuant to Section 12 (4).

SCHEDULE A

Functions and Structure of the Liberia Telecommunications Corporation

Section 2 is amended to read as: Purposes, Functions, Powers and Capacities of the Corporation

Section 2 is further amended to include the following as functions of the Corporation:

- d. The Corporation shall provide services with portfolio including fixed-line and mobile telephony, broadband, TV and datacom services for residential and business customers, as well as broad range of wholesale services;

- e. The Corporation's service portfolio shall include Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) and Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) fixed telephony services, Internet access via PSTN/ISDN, Digital Subscriber Lines (DSLs), Fibre to the Home (FTTH) and through Hybrid Fibre Coax (HFC). In addition, the Corporation shall provide leased lines, integrated voice and data telecommunications and access and network services to the business market;
- f. The Corporation shall be provided Licenses by the LTA for full operations to include, GSM-voice and data services, LIBTELCO Mobilemoney Services utilizing the USSD Codes, other platforms and value-added services among others;
- g. The Corporation shall lead the effort for the engagement within the Sector for the successful creation of the National Back Bone (NBB) for fiber connectivity within the length and breadth of the Republic;
- h. The Corporation shall have first right reference for usage of all Liberia Electricity corporation (LEC) fiber-related infrastructure, such as poles, cables for the sole purpose of transporting of connectivity via the power grid and for the enhancement of the fiber connectivity of the Government of Liberia (GOL);
- i. The Corporation shall engage in development of telephone, telegraph, telex and all other telecommunications services and facilities, the construction of facilities and equipment related thereto, the manufacture of related equipment, and the installation, operation, distribution and sale of said services, facilities and equipment;
- j. The Corporation shall establish and maintain Telecommunications Stations, Offices and/or Agencies within and everywhere inside Liberia and to exercise any or all of the its corporate powers and rights;
- k. The Corporation shall determine fair and reasonable rates, fees and charges which shall be charged in connection with telecommunications services provided;
- l. The Corporation shall manufacture, import, buy & sell, install, collect, generally deal in and with telephone, telegraph, telex and all other telecommunications services and shall manufacture, buy & sell and deal in all materials used in connection with the aforesaid services;

- m. The Corporation shall apply for purchase or by other means, acquire, hold, sell, assign, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of, protect and prolong, and renew, whether in the Republic of Liberia or elsewhere, any patents, patents rights, licenses, protections, concessions, trade-marks and trade names and shall use and turn to account, and manufacture under grant or license and shall experiment upon and test, and improve or seek to improve patents, inventions or rights which the Corporation may require or propose to acquire;
- n. The Corporation shall acquire, build, operate, and dispose of all necessary and convenient lands, buildings, structures, machinery, poles, wires, and other things and devices incidental to the purposes of the Corporation;
- o. The Corporation shall administer, manage, supervise and control all telecommunications facilities as well as the exclusive control over the import, export, installation, distribution, standardization and sales of telephone and telegraphic materials and equipment in keeping with world market prices;
- p. The Corporation shall engage in and conduct studies and experiments with a view of improving the suitability of telecommunication facilities and equipment to local condition;
- q. The Corporation shall enter into, perform and modify contracts, leases, agreements or any other transaction, on such terms as may be deemed appropriate with any agency or institution of the Government or with any person, partnership, association, organization or other entity, public or private, singly or in combination;
- r. The Corporation shall accept and use gifts or donations of services, funds or property (real, personal or tangible); and
- s. The Corporation shall borrow or raise money for any purpose of the Corporation, and shall acquire and dispense with the same upon such terms and conditions, and for such considerations as the Board of the Corporation shall determine to be reasonable, through purchase, exchange, discount, rediscount, public or private sale, negotiation, assignment, exercise of option or conversion of rights or otherwise, for cash or credit, with or without tangibles or intangibles, including but not limited to mortgage, bonds, debentures (including convertible debentures), liens, pledges, and other collateral or security, contracts, claims, currencies, notes, drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances, including bankers acceptances, cable transfers, and all other

evidence indebtedness or ownership, and guarantee payment against any instrument above specific;

- t. The Corporation shall collect or compromise any obligations assigned or held by or any legal and equitable rights accruing to the Corporation; and
- u. The Corporation shall take any and/or all actions determined by the Board to be necessary or desirable in making, carrying out, servicing, compromising, liquidating or otherwise dealing with or realizing any transaction or operation authorized under this Act.

This Act shall become effective immediately upon publication into Handbills.

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THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF
THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

HOUSE'S ENGROSSED BILL NO. 10 ENTITLED:

"An Act to Amend Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 2007, Part iv thereby Amending Section 12 (2)(3)(4)&(5) and Section 13 (1)&(2) Relating to Licensed service providers and to expand the functions of the National Operator in schedule A of the Act Relating to functions and structure of the Liberia Telecommunications Corporation"

On Motion, Bill read. On motion, the Bill was adopted on its first reading and sent to committee Room on Thursday, July 9, 2020 @ 14:10 G.M.T.

On motion, Bill read. On motion, the Bill was taken back to Committee Room for its Second reading on Tuesday, July 2020, 2020 @ 14:13 G.M.T.

On motion, the Bill was taken from Committee Room for its third and final reading, and the Bill was adopted, passed into the full force of the law, and ordered engrossed today, Tuesday, August 11, 2019 @ 12:31 G.M.T. during its Special Session

Michael W. Sargor
CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH
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SENATE'S ENDORSEMENT TO HOUSE'S
ENGROSSED BILL NO. 10 ENTITLED:

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On Motion, Bill read. On motion, the Bill was adopted on its first reading and sent to Committee Room on Friday, October 9, 2020 at the hour of 13:06 G.M.T.

On motion, Bill taken from the Committee Room for its second reading. On motion, under the suspension of the rule, the second reading of the Bill constituted its third and final reading and the Bill was adopted, passed into the full force of the law and ordered engrossed today, Monday, October 12, 2020 @ 12:17 G.M.T.

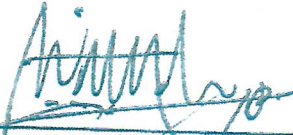
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SECRETARY LIBERIAN SENATE, R.T.

ATTESTATION TO:

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for VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA/
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



SECRETARY, LIBERIAN SENATE



SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, R.L.

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SCHEDULE OF HOUSE'S ENROLLED BILL NO. 22 ENTITLED:

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PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA FOR EXECUTIVE
APPROVAL

APPROVED THIS: 20th DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 2020

AT THE HOUR OF 11:35 AM



THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

