



No: 30-156-USOF/LWE-I/40 Upgradation (Pt-I)
भारत सरकार/ Government of India
संचार मंत्रालय/ Ministry of Communications
दूरसंचार विभाग/ Department of Telecommunications
सार्वभौमिक सेवा दायित्व निधि/ Universal Service Obligation Fund
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Dated: 20-07-2022

To

CMD (BSNL)
BSNL, Corporate Office
H.C. Mathur Lane New Delhi-110001

Subject: Amendment of Agreement No.30-156-8/2013-USF dated 30-09-2014 for subsidy support from USO Fund to provide mobile services in areas identified by MHA, Govt. of India under the Indian Telegraph (2nd Amendment of 2013) Rules, 2013.

Reference is invited to this office letter no. 30-156-USOF /LWE-I/ 4G Upgradation dated 09-05-2022 regarding funding of O&M cost of LWE Phase-I existing 2G sites for an extended period i.e. 12 months from the date of approval of the Cabinet or commissioning of 4G sites whichever is earlier.

2. Whereas the Government of India has approved to provide extension for funding of O&M cost of LWE Phase-I existing 2,343 2G sites beyond the contractual period of five years at fund support of Rs. 541.80 Cr. (excluding taxes and levies).

3. In pursuance of clause(s) 2.7 of Section-II (General Conditions) - Extension of Agreement and 2.8 of Section-II (General Conditions) - Modifications in Terms and Conditions of Agreement, the terms and conditions of the captioned Agreement are hereby amended, with the approval of Administrator, with immediate effect to the extent as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Clause No.	Existing Condition	Modified Condition
1.	1.2 Section-I	This Agreement will remain valid up to 21-06-2022 unless revoked earlier for any reason whatsoever.	This Agreement will remain valid up to 31-07-2023 unless revoked earlier for any reason whatsoever. The funding support shall however be limited till 30-04-2023.

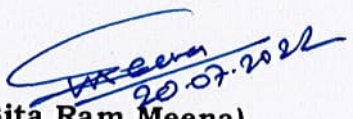


2.	6.1 Section-VI (Financial Conditions)	After the clause 6.1.	New clause inserted as 6.1.1: USOF would fund Operating expenditure (OPEX) for 2,343 sites till 30-04-2023 or commissioning of 4G sites, whichever is earlier.
3.	6.2 Section-VI (Financial Conditions)	After the clause 6.2.	New clause inserted as 6.2.1: Funding of Operations & Maintenance cost of LTE Phase-I existing 2,343 2G sites beyond the contractual period of five years at an estimated cost of ₹541.80 Cr.
4.	6.3 Section-VI (Financial Conditions)	After the clause 6.3.	New clause inserted as 6.3.1: USOF will fund the approved OPEX as per rate obtained through the BSNL tendered cost/ contract or ₹72,400 (per month/ per site) whichever is lower from the date of expiry of 5 year O&M and till 30-04-2023 or upgradation of these sites to 4G whichever is earlier.
5.	6.4 Section-VI (Financial Conditions)	After the clause 6.4.	New clause inserted as 6.4.1: Subsidy towards OPEX for the 2,343 towers installed by BSNL shall be paid as per the OPEX rate obtained through the existing BSNL tendered cost/ contract or ₹72,400 (per month/ per site) whichever is lower from the date of expiry of 5 year O&M and till 30-04-2023 or upgradation of these sites to 4G whichever is earlier.
6.	6.6 Section-VI (Financial Conditions)	After the clause 6.6.	New clause inserted as 6.6.1: No Centage shall be payable to BSNL for extended period. The revenue generated shall be retained by BSNL for the said purpose.
7.	6.11.8 Section-VI (Financial Conditions)	OPEX of 363 sites will be effective from the date of signing of Agreement for five years.	OPEX of 356 sites will be effective up to 30-04-2023 or commissioning of 4G sites, whichever is earlier at the rate of ₹72, 400 per month per site from the date of expiry of 5 years O&M period and till upgradation whichever is earlier.



8.	6.11.9 Section-VI (Financial Conditions)	After the clause 6.11.9	New clause inserted as 6.11.9 (c): Satellite bandwidth and carriage charges [for Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) sites] shall be payable to BSNL for the extended period subject to actuals incurred.
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4. All other terms and conditions of the said agreement shall remain unchanged and the relevant provisions of the agreement and of the instructions/ guidelines/ directions issued/to be issued thereunder would also be applicable for extended period of 2G sites.
5. For sites not upgraded by 30-04-2023, the funding for 2G O&M beyond 30-04-2023 shall be borne by BSNL from its own resources and no fund support from USOF is envisaged.
6. Since the funding is in the form of subsidy, no tax shall be payable to BSNL. The ITC generated, if any, shall be retained by BSNL.
7. The claims for the period shall be filed with respective CCAs office based on the PO issued by BSNL for the extended period in accordance with clause 3.8.1 of the agreement and as per para 3 of this order and payment shall be effected immediately within 7 working days.
8. The claims of existing quarters shall be considered as condoned if submitted within 90 days of issue of this order.


(Sita Ram Meena)
Director(T-II), USOF

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1. PPS to Administrator, USOF
2. Director (F)/ Director (CM), BSNL
3. All concerned Pr CCA/CCAs
4. Jt Admn (Finance), USOF
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