

No. 30-156-USOF/LWE-I/4G Upgradation (Pt. 1)
भारत सरकार/GOVT. OF INDIA
संचार मंत्रालय/Ministry of Communications
दूरसंचार विभाग/Department of Telecommunications
सार्वभौमिक सेवा दायित्व निधि/Universal Service Obligation Fund
संचार भवन, नई दिल्ली /Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 23-05-2023

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

Refer: 1. Letter no. 30-156-USOF/LWE-I/4G Upgradation (Pt. 1) dated 09-05-2022
2. Letter no. 30-156-USOF/LWE-I/4G Upgradation (Pt. 1) dated 20-07-2022
3. Letter no. BSNLCO-LWE/25(11)/3/2022-LWE dated 03-03-2023
4. OM No. 30-156-USOF/LWE-I/4G Upgradation (Pt. 1) dated ...05-2022

Reference is invited to this office letter no. 30-156-USOF /LWE-I/ 4G Upgradation dated .05.2023 regarding funding of O&M cost of LWE Phase-I existing 2G sites for an extended period upto 31.10.2023 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 -I (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 vide letter dated 20-07-2022)	Modified Condition
1	1.2 Section-I	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	This Agreement will remain valid up to 31.10.2023 unless revoked earlier for any reason whatsoever. The funding support shall however be limited till 31.10.2023

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2	6.1.1 Section-VI	USOF would fund Operating expenditure (OPEX) for 2,343 sites till 30-04-2023 or commissioning of 4G sites, whichever is earlier.	USOF would fund Operating expenditure (OPEX) for 2,343 sites till 31.10.2023 or commissioning of 4G sites, whichever is earlier.
3	6.3.1 Section-VI	USOF will fund the approved OPEX as per rate obtained through the BSNL tendered cost/ contract or Rs 72,400 (per month/ per site) whichever is lower from the date of expiry of 5 years O&M and till 30-04-2023 or upgradation of these sites to 4G whichever is earlier.	USOF will fund the approved OPEX as per rate obtained through the BSNL tendered cost/ contract or Rs 72,400 (per month/ per site) whichever is lower from the date of expiry of 5 years O&M and till 31.10.2023 or upgradation of these sites to 4G, whichever is earlier.
4	6.4.1 Section-VI	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 Rs 72,400 (per month/ per site) whichever is lower from the date of expiry of 5 years O&M and till 30-04-2023 or upgradation of these sites to 4G whichever is earlier	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 Rs 72,400 (per month/ per site) whichever is lower from the date of expiry of 5 years O&M and till 31.10.2023 or upgradation of these sites to 4G whichever is earlier
5	6.11.8 Section-VI	OPEX of 356 sites will be effective up 30-04-2023 or commissioning of 4G sites, whichever is earlier at the rate of Rs 72, 400 per month per site from the date of expiry of 5 years O&M period and till upgradation whichever is earlier.	OPEX of 356 sites will be effective up 31.10.2023 as per the OPEX rate obtained through the existing BSNL tendered cost/ contract or Rs 72,400 (per month/ per site) whichever is lower from the date of expiry of 5 years O&M or till the upgradation of these sites to 4G, whichever is earlier.

4. The extension has been considered without any "additional financial implications" subject to limit up to Rs. 541.80 crore in accordance with Cabinet Approval as communicated vide OM dated 20.07.2022.

5. 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

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6. For sites not upgraded by 31.10.2023, the funding for 2G O&M beyond 31.10.2023 shall be borne by BSNL from its own resources and no fund support from USOF is envisaged.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. The claims of existing quarters shall be considered as condoned if submitted within 90 days of issue of this order.


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3. All concerned Pr CCA/CCAS
4. Jt Admn (Finance), USOF
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