

TIMED LOCAL PREPAID CALL CHARGE

In accordance with Clause 3.1 of the Telecommunication Regulatory Contract, Telikom PNG Limited submitted to the Commission its proposal to introduce prepaid enhancements to its fixed telephony services. Part of this proposal was to alter existing untimed local calls to timed local prepaid call.

This proposal was necessary to reduce longer trunk (telephone line) and network occupancy which usually deny other customers from making successful STD and IDD calls. This is so because local calls occupies two trunks (telephone lines) and are often occupied for very long periods of time thereby limiting the number of available lines for other customers. Therefore, Telikom submitted for an adjustment of its existing local tariff so that consumers limit local calls to useful purposes and at the same time make more trunks available for other consumers who wish to make STD and IDD calls from their fixed lines.

In its determination, the Commission approved the proposal within the parameters of Clause 2.1(a) and (b) of the Telecommunications Regulatory Contract This approval is only for prepaid local calls; accordingly the Commission resolves that the new tariff structure for local prepaid call charges be outlined as follows:

CALL CHARGE	INTERVAL	HOURS
25.0 toea	Every Five (5) minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday - Saturday 7:30am-5:30pm
25.0 toea	Every Ten (10) minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday - Saturday 5:30pm- 7:30amAll day Sunday

These charges came into effect on or after the 29th of August 2005.