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Government of India
Ministry of Communications & IT
Department of Telecom
Universal Service Obligation Fund Administration

Date 25th June, 2009

Meeting Notice

A meeting is going to be held at BSNL CO for discussion on the Rural Broadband Scheme and other related issues in the presence of the Jt Administrator Finance, USOF. All the Jt CCAs of the concerned CCA offices are requested to kindly attend the meeting. Agenda in this regard is as follows:

1. **Date** : 3rd July, 2009
2. **Venue** : Conference Hall, 9th Floor, BSNL CO, New Delhi
3. **Time** : 11.00 to 17.00 hrs
4. **Detailed Program** :

a. First Half

Chairperson	Dir (CFA), BSNL
Topic	Issues relating to Rural Broadband Subsidy claims
To be Attended by	Officers of USOF HQ, all Jt CCAs and GM (Operations of all the Circles

b. Second Half

Chairperson	Jt Administrator Finance, USOF
Topic	Other issues relating to USOF claims and the upcoming online Claim Settlement Management System
To be Attended by	Officers of USOF HQ and all Jt CCAs

This issues with the approval of Administrator, USF and the Member (Finance), Telecom Commission.


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1. Sr. PPS to Member Finance
2. Sr PPS to Administrator, USF
3. All CCA/Sr CCA with a request to depute the Jt CCAs looking after USOF work
4. DDG (BB), BSNL CO with a request to kindly cause the necessary arrangements to be made
5. DGM (BSP), BSNL

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Room No. 1107, Sanchar Bhawan
20 Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

Dated: 23th June, 2009

To
All the Sr CCA, CCA

Subject: Subsidy Disbursement towards provision of Wire Line Broadband Connectivity in Rural and Remote Areas from the Existing Rural and Remote Telephone Exchanges under the Agreement No. 30-160/ WIRE-LINW-BB/2006 dated 20.01.2009.

Some CCA offices have sought clarification regarding the USP claiming subsidy for broadband connections which are provided on the tariff plans other than the USOF subsidized tariff plans. In this connection, it is hereby clarified that subsidy **may be allowed for broadband connections that are provided on the tariff plans other than the USOF subsidized tariff plans**. All non-USOF plans are to be submitted to the Administrator, USOF as per Clause 14.7 of the said Agreement. In this regard, kindly find enclosed the various tariff plans offered by BSNL for rural broadband connections as per the details submitted to the Administrator, USF.

Further, certain issues arising from a perusal of subsidy claims received so far were examined at USOF HQ. Accordingly directions have been issued to the USP entailing reiterations/clarifications or minor amendments to the Agreement vide USOF Letter of even number dated 19.6.09. A copy of the same is enclosed for due adherence while settling and verifying the subsidy claims relating to broadband connections claimed under the extant Agreement. In particular, it may be kindly noted that as per the above mentioned direction, subsidy **relating to Computers/Computing Devices** available under the Clause 2.3 of the Agreement shall be permissible **only for the broadband connections provided on the USOF Subsidised Tariff Plans**.

Further, in view of the various lacunae and errors noticed in the subsidy claims, the USP has been asked vide the above mentioned letter to submit revised and corrected claims for QE 31.3.2009 where required, by 30st July 2009.

This issues with the approval of the Administrator, USF

Encl: As Above



(Dr Preeti Pandey)
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