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**THE IFT PLENARY SUBMITS TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION THE PROCEDURE WHICH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES 'PERMISIONARIOS' LICENSEES AND QUALIFIERS
MUST FULFIL FOR THE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION OF SERVICE RATES THAT THEY
WILL OFFER TO THE USERS**

- The public consultation of the registration electronic mechanism of rates will allow the strengthening of the Institute decision-making.
- There will be an electronic system for the rates registration which will be accessible to users so that they can learn about operator services and promotions.
- IFT agrees to impose sanctions and declare the loss in benefit of the nation, assets intended for the operation of seven FM radio stations which do not have permission or concession to operate.
- IFT determines 31 radio stations in Amplitude Modulation (AM), which at the time were authorized to change to FM frequency and which must continue broadcasting simultaneously in AM.
- Resolves three interconnection disagreements between operators of fixed and mobile telecommunications networks.
- Appoints Juan José Crispín Borbolla as the Plenary Technical Secretary.

In ordinary session, the Federal Telecommunications Institute (*Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones*, IFT) Plenary agreed to submit to public consultation the "*Draft Agreement which establishes the procedure for the submission of the electronic application for registration fees to users that must be complied by telecommunications services concessionaires, under relief of the Federal Telecommunications and Broadcasting Law*" for a period of ten working days, counting from its publication on the IFT website.

In accordance with article 205 of the Federal Telecommunications and Broadcasting Law, telecommunications service concessionaires must submit an electronic application for registration of its user rates, prior to its entry into force, so the Institute shall establish an

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electronic mechanism so that the prices of the services may be applied from the date of the respective application.

Public consultation merits transparency and promotes citizen participation in the general provisions issuance process arising from the IFT. With the results obtained, the Institute may implement an electronic mechanism for efficient, robust and clear rates registration which will eliminate artificial barriers for the immediate adoption of attractive and competitive commercial schemes for the various users of telecommunications services.

Furthermore, the Plenary determined sanctions and declare the loss in benefit of the nation of assets intended for the operation of seven broadcasting stations transmitting on the FM band without corresponding concession or permission.

In all cases, IFT made assurance preventive visits at the addresses that operated the stations. In strict adherence to the law, the administrative procedure was satisfied and found the non-existence of concession titles or permits to accredit the legal operation of these frequencies. As a result, the IFT Plenary determined, based on articles 101, fraction XXIII, 103, 104 bis and 106 of the Federal Radio and Television Law, to impose sanctions and declare the loss in benefit of the nation, the assets intended for the operation of stations in the following frequencies and locations:

FREQUENCY	LOCALITY/STATE
103.1 MHz	Atlixco, Puebla
106.3 MHz	Atlixco, Puebla

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88.9 MHz	Cosoloeacaque, Veracruz
107.3 MHz	Huatusco, Veracruz
91.1 MHz	Nopalucan, Puebla
102.7 MHz	San Pedro Benito Juárez, Puebla
104.3 MHz	San Pedro Mártir, Veracruz

Likewise, the Plenary determined that 31 AM radio stations, which were authorized to change to the FM frequency, will continue operating simultaneously, until the Institute determines that the provision of the broadcasting service in all the populations of the area covered by these stations is guaranteed based on technical studies conducted by the Radio and Television Systems Unit.

Thus, various communities in the country that only have AM coverage will remain connected through this service, based on provisions of the Sixth item of the "Agreement which establishes the requirements to carry out the change of authorized frequencies to provide the radio service operating in the band of modulated amplitude in order to optimize the use, leveraging and exploitation of an asset in the public domain in transition to digital radio", published in the Federal Official Gazette on September 15th, 2008.

In telecommunications matters, the Plenary determined the non-agreed terms of interconnection conditions between network operators of fixed and mobile telecommunications for termination services in the "calling party pays" scheme, applicable for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2012. These decisions established the following:

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1. Megacable Comunicaciones de México must pay a \$0.3214 pesos fee per interconnection minute to Operadora Unefon, SOS Telecomunicaciones, Iusacell PCS de México, Iusacell PCS and Comunicaciones Celulares de Occidente.
2. Megacable Comunicaciones de México must pay a \$0.3214 pesos fee per interconnection minute to Pegaso PCS.
3. Pegaso PCS must pay a fee of 0.02432 pesos per minute to Cablevision, Bestphone, Operbes, Cablemás Telecomunicaciones and Cable and Cable y Comunicación de Campeche. While these companies with fixed networks must pay a fee of \$0.3214 pesos per interconnection minute to Pegaso PCS.

At the session, by unanimous vote, the highest organ of the IFT government Commissioners appointed Juan José Crispín Borbolla as Technical Secretary of the Plenary, as provided in article 17, section III of the Federal Telecommunications and Broadcasting Law.

The Federal Telecommunications Institute (IFT) is the independent body responsible for regulating, promoting and overseeing the efficient development in the broadcasting and telecommunications sectors in Mexico, as well as exclusively exercising the powers of economic competition in these sectors, in accordance with the Decree by which various provisions of articles 6, 7, 27, 28, 94 and 105 of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States are reformed and added, in the field of telecommunications, published in the Federal Official Gazette on June 11th, 2013.

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