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**EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 002 OF 2024**


**RIGHT OF WAY CHARGES ON
TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Whereas It is the policy of the Government of Cross River State to create an enabling environment for businesses and entrench measures and strategies aimed at ensuring ease of doing business in Cross River State.
- Whereas, The Government of Cross River State desires to provide all those living there, especially rural communities, access to reliable, affordable broadband connectivity.
- Whereas, Broadband connectivity across Cross River State will enhance the ability of the Government of Cross River State to increase economic prosperity, attract new businesses, enhance job growth, extend the reach of affordable, high-quality healthcare, enrich student learning with digital tools and facilitate access to the digital marketplace.
- Whereas, To achieve the Government objectives of attracting local and foreign investments for the development of broadband and other telecommunication infrastructure across Cross River State, there is the need for certainty and transparency on the Right of Ways Charges.

NOW THEREFORE I, BASSEY EDET OTU, GOVERNOR OF CROSS RIVER STATE, UNDER AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE 1999 CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND THE LAWS OF CROSS RIVER STATE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE CROSS RIVER STATE LAND USE LAW, 2017 HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

- I. It shall be Government policy to use all viable tools to accelerate the deployment and adoption of affordable, reliable, modern high-speed broadband connectivity in all the 18 Local Government Areas of Cross River State.
- ii. That the State Government policy on broadband connectivity shall specifically target all sectors of Cross River State, including rural homes, farms, small businesses, manufacturing and production sites, transportation systems, healthcare and educational facilities.
- iii. The Right of Way charges related to laying broadband or any other telecommunications infrastructure in Cross River State Shall not exceed One Hundred and forty-five naira (N145.00) per meter.
- iv. To implement this policy and enable sustainable broadband infrastructure projects, Government Departments and Agencies should seek to reduce barriers to capital investments, remove obstacles to broadband services and employ Government resources more efficiently.
 - (a) This Order shall be implemented consistent with applicable laws of Cross River State.
 - (b) This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any part against the Government of Cross River State, its Departments, Agencies or Entities, its Officers, Employees, or Agents, or any other person.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS DAY OF 1ST OF JANUARY, 2024 AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY



**SENATOR PRINCE BASSEY EDET OTU
GOVERNOR
CROSS RIVER STATE**