

AN ACT

To further amend section 203 of title 21 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by Public Law No. 18-52, to require the Telecommunications Corporation of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide services and system access on the HANTRU1 Cable System to the Open Access Entity free of charge, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1           Section 1. Section 203 of Title 21 of the Code of the  
2 Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No.  
3 18-52, is hereby further amended as follows:

4           "Section 203. Powers and responsibilities of the  
5 Corporation. The Corporation has the following powers  
6 and responsibilities:

7           (1) to operate as a provider of all  
8 telecommunications within the Federated States of  
9 Micronesia and between points in the Federated States  
10 of Micronesia and points outside thereof;

11           (2) to operate and manage such services on the basis  
12 of commercially accepted practices, treating all users  
13 of telecommunications services on equitable terms in  
14 accordance with its published tariffs, and requiring  
15 all users to pay for the services provided;

16           (3) to plan for the expansion and improvement of  
17 telecommunications facilities and services;

18           (4) to the extent practicable, to expand

1 telecommunications services to areas and communities in  
2 the Federated States of Micronesia that are presently  
3 unserved or poorly served and to improve the quality,  
4 reliability, and variety of services available to all  
5 users in a manner consistent with commercial  
6 reasonableness and with promoting economic development,  
7 the advancement of education and health care, and the  
8 preservation of the cultural identity of the people of  
9 the Federated States of Micronesia;

10 (5) to improve the telecommunications skills and  
11 promote the telecommunications training of Micronesian  
12 citizens who are employees of the Corporation;

13 (6) to establish, publish, and implement a structure  
14 of tariffs and rates for telecommunications services  
15 calculated to ensure that, to the extent practicable,  
16 adequate and equitable charges are imposed for services  
17 and that the tariff structure promotes the increased  
18 use of telecommunications services;

19 (7) to invest all surplus revenues of the  
20 Corporation in the expansion and improvement of  
21 telecommunications facilities and services;

22 (8) to incur indebtedness for the purpose of  
23 expanding and improving telecommunications facilities,  
24 to the extent and on such terms as are deemed  
25 commercially reasonable by the Corporation; and

