



# Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ACCEPTS REQUIREMENT FOR NOTICE OF TARIFF CHANGES AS SET OUT IN CONCESSION**

The Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (the “Authority”) advises the public that the proceedings commenced by the Authority on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2007, ended on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008, with the making of an order by Madame Justice Rajnauth-Lee which confirms that where telecommunications service providers propose a revision of their tariffs (prices and terms and conditions for service) which is expected to result in an increase for existing customers, the provider must:

- a. give the Authority no less than 30 days notice in writing of the intended revision, such notice to contain the details of the proposed revision;
- b. at the expiration of such notice to the Authority, publish the revised tariffs by placing a copy in a publicly accessible place at its principal place of business and all other places where it conducts business with the public, on its website, and providing a copy of the revision to any person who requests it; and,
- c. after publication of the revision, give existing customers no less than 30 days notice of the increase, such revision to take effect only at the expiration of the notice to its customers.

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Ms. Beverly Beckles; Ms. Gillian Bishop; Dr. Ronald Ramkissoon; Mr. Wayne Nakhid; Mr. Samuel Henry;  
Mr. Hayden Newton; Mr. Terrence Pierre.*

The Court's order provides that any attempted revision which does not comply with this procedure would be null, void and of no effect.

The public is reminded that the Court proceedings were commenced by the Authority in response to TSTT's disagreement with the Authority's contention that conditions C7 through C9 of the concession granted to TSTT for the operation of its telecommunications networks and provision of its telecommunications and broadcasting services, required TSTT to give notice in the form set out above, of any revision of its tariffs. TSTT had argued that it was not required to give advance notice to the Authority, but that it could give notice to the Authority and its customers at the same time. The Authority sought the assistance of the Court in interpreting the relevant provisions.

The Authority is pleased to note that TSTT has accepted the Authority's interpretation of the relevant provisions of its concession.

A [copy of the Court's Order](#) is attached.

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