

**ADDRESS BY THE  
EXECUTIVE VICE-CHAIRMAN/CEO OF  
THE NIGERIAN COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION**

**ENGR. ERNEST C. A. NDUKWE (OFR)**

**AT THE  
TWO – DAY PUBLIC INQUIRY HELD ON  
JULY 14 & 15, 2009**

**ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE VICE-CHAIRMAN/CEO, NIGERIAN COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AT THE TWO-DAY PUBLIC INQUIRY HELD ON JULY 14 & 15, 2009**

All Protocols observed.

It is my pleasure to welcome all participants and stakeholders to this 2-day Public Inquiry organized by the Nigerian Communications Commission.

As you are aware, Public Inquiry is one of the requirements of the rule making process of the Commission. This is in accordance with Section 71 of the Nigerian Communications Act and to afford stakeholders an opportunity to contribute to the development of the sector.

The matters to which the 2-day public inquiries relate are the enactment of the following Guidelines and Regulations:

- Guidelines on Advertisements and Promotions.
- Amended Guidelines on Technical Specifications for the Installation of Masts and Towers.
- Procedure for the Management of Satellite Fillings.
- Commercial Satellite Communication Guidelines, and
- Amended Frequency Spectrum (Fee & Pricing) Regulations.

The tremendous progress recorded in the telecommunications sector, is not insulated from numerous challenges. However, in its concerted efforts to address these challenges for the purposes of engineering sustained growth and development in the sector, as well as, protecting the consumers, the Commission has endeavoured to develop relevant regulatory instruments to meet the day to day challenges of the sector.

For instance, the Guidelines on Advertisements and Promotions are to ensure ethical marketing and promotional standards and to set minimum requirements and standards for advertisements and promotions by licensed telecommunications operators.

Highlights of the objectives of the other Guidelines which are subject of this inquiry include:

### **Technical Specifications for the Installation of Telecom Masts and Towers**

These amended Guidelines provide standards to be adhered to by telecom services providers/operators, designers, fabricators and installers of telecom towers towards ensuring environmental safety and sound engineering practices.

### **Commercial Satellite Communications Guidelines**

These guidelines are:

- i) To ensure a well developed and organized satellite communications market in Nigeria with appropriate legal framework that meets international best practices.
- ii) To manage scarce frequency resource, especially in bands where satellite shares frequency with terrestrial systems.
- iii) To encourage the use of satellite communication infrastructure in Nigeria as a means of providing long-haul transmission facilities and ensure that investors are adequately protected; amongst others.

### **Procedures for the Management of Satellite Filings**

These Guidelines describe the procedures that must be followed by companies or other organizations located in Nigeria wishing to submit applications through Nigeria for the Management and processing of satellite filings. It includes details of coordination and registration, in order to achieve international recognition under the ITU procedures. It also describes the roles and responsibilities of NCC and the applying operator for each of the different types of application that are currently permitted under the ITU Regulations.

### **Frequency Spectrum (Fees & Pricing, etc.) (Amendment) Regulations, 2009**

The objective of the Regulations which cover the determination of frequency spectrum fees for commercial activities in the communications sector in Nigeria is to amend the Band Factor under Part A of the second schedule thereto by adding new Band Factors, as indicated in the guidelines.

The Commission intends to work with the Operators and other stakeholders towards recording further positive changes and growth in quality of telecom service provisioning by monitoring and enforcing the provisions set by these Guidelines and Regulations accordingly.

We thank those operators who have already sent in constructive submissions, comments and inputs on these Guidelines and Regulations and assure you that these submissions and those that will be presented here today will be taken into consideration in finalizing the Regulatory instruments.

You are once more welcome and wish you happy deliberations during the 2-day event. On this note, I declare the Public Inquiries open and thank you for attending.

**ENGR. E. C. A. NDUKWE (OFR)**  
**July 14, 2009**