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Extract From Conclusion of the Niger State Executive Council

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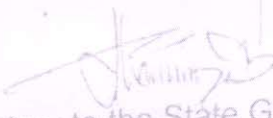
CLARIFICATION OF APPLICABLE RIGHT OF WAY (ROW) FEE FOR
FIBER OPTIC CABLE DEPLOYMENT

Decision:

The Council received and considered a memo presented by the Honourable Commissioner for ICT and Digital Economy, seeking to clarify the applicable fee for fiber optic cable deployment under the existing Niger State Right of Way Law.

Council noted the ambiguity in the current legal wording that may be interpreted as implying an annual ROW fee of NGN145 per linear meter. To correct this and ensure compliance with national broadband objectives, Council resolved as follows:

1. That the NGN145 fee stated in the ROW Law is to be understood and enforced as a **one-time, aggregate payment**, not a recurring annual fee.
2. That the Ministry of ICT and Digital Economy is hereby authorized to issue an **administrative circular** reflecting this clarification for the benefit of all stakeholders.
3. That this clarification shall be published on the State's official website alongside the ROW application process before December 31, 2023.
4. Steps should be taken to prepare and enact further legislation, reducing the ROW fee to **zero naira (₦0)** per linear meter as part of a broader digital infrastructure reform strategy.


Secretary to the State Government

Approved by the Executive Council on: 1st December, 2023

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