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**NIGER STATE IMPLEMENTATION OF NO-FEE RIGHT  
OF WAY FOR TELECOMMUNICATION  
INFRASTRUCTURE ORDER NO 7**

**WHEREAS:**

The Niger State Government: -

1. Recognizes the critical importance of telecommunication infrastructure for the socio-economic development of the State and believes that improved telecommunication infrastructure will enhance the implementation of e-governance initiatives, making public services more accessible and efficient, and promoting social equity by ensuring that all regions of the State benefit from reliable connectivity;
2. Acknowledges that eliminating right of way (RoW) fees for telecommunication infrastructure can significantly lower the cost of network deployment, thereby accelerating digital inclusion and providing residents with better access to educational resources, healthcare services, and economic opportunities;
3. Understands that a no-fee RoW policy will attract substantial investments from telecommunication companies, leading to expanded network coverage, especially in rural and underserved areas, and creating a more favorable business environment that supports job creation and economic growth;

**NOW, THEREFORE:** In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 5 (2) and section 176 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) and all the powers enabling me in that behalf, I Hon. Muhammed Umaru Bago, Executive Governor of



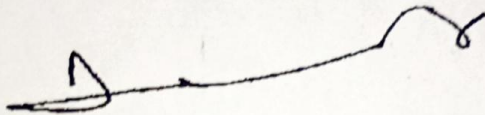
Niger State of Nigeria, do hereby make the following Order for the good governance of Niger state:

1. This Order may be cited as the Niger State Elimination of Right of Way Fees for Telecommunication Infrastructure Order No. 7 and shall come into force on 2nd September, 2024
2. The primary objective of this Executive Order is to eliminate right of way (RoW) fees for telecommunication infrastructure, thereby reducing network deployment costs. This initiative aims to accelerate digital inclusion and provide residents with improved access to educational resources, healthcare services, and economic opportunities.
3. To expand telecommunication infrastructure for the accelerated socio-economic development of Niger State and to attract significant investments from telecommunication companies, the Right of Way (RoW) charges, previously set at 145 Naira per linear meter by the Niger State Urban Development Board, are now reduced to Zero Naira per linear meter in Niger State.
4. Pursuant to Section 135 of the Nigerian Communications Act, 2003, and exercising the State Government's authority over the Right of Way (RoW) within Niger State, the Niger State Urban Development Board is designated as the responsible entity for managing RoW. The Board shall receive and process applications or requests for approval from licensed telecommunication operators for installing, placing, or maintaining any telecommunications network facilities within the State.
5. In order to safeguard all telecommunication infrastructure within the State, this Executive Order empowers the Niger State Urban Development Board to liaise with law enforcement agents to prosecute all acts of sabotage, vandalism, destruction, defacement, damage, or



any other act of tempering with telecommunication infrastructure under the relevant laws.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of connected loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above the printed name.

His Excellency,  
**(Hon) Mohammed Umar Bago,**  
Executive Governor,  
Niger State.