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Respected Sir !

Please find enclosed **Consumer Guild** (CAG Member) response to Draft THE TELECOMMUNICATION CONSUMERS EDUCATION AND PROTECTION FUND (SIXTH AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2023

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Draft The Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2023.

1. These regulations may be called the Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2023. **(2)** They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. 2. In regulation 2 of the Telecommunication Consumers Education and Protection Fund Regulations, 2007 (6 of 2007) (hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations"), – (a) after clause (b), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:- "(ba) "Bank" means the Union Bank of India or any other Scheduled bank as may be designated by the Authority;"; (b) clause (e) shall be deleted.

• Consumer Guild fully supports proposed amendments.

3. In regulation 3 of the principal regulations, in sub-regulation (2), in the proviso – (a) in clause (i), for the words "a claim has been filed, under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 (68 of 1986)", the words "a claim has been filed before a Consumer Forum" shall be substituted; (b) in clause (ii), for the words "under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 or an order has been made", the words "by a Consumer Forum or" shall be substituted.

- The Consumer Protection Act, 1986 (68 of 1986) has been repealed by the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 (35 of 2019). The Consumer Protection Act, 2019 promulgates a three-tier quasi-judicial mechanism for redressal of consumer disputes namely District commissions, State commissions and National commission". "District Commission" means a District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, State Commission means a State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, National Commission means National consumer Disputes Redressal Commission. (CHAPTER IV) of Consumer Protection Act 2019 describes CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION".
 - (i) The words " a claim has been filed before a Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission is more legally relevant for substitution.
 - (ii) The words "by a Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission or" is more legally relevant for substitution.

4. In regulation 4 of the principal regulations, – (a) in sub-regulation (1), for the words "into the branches of the Corporation Bank designated for the purpose by the said bank" the words "into



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the designated branches of the Bank", shall be substituted; (b) in sub-regulation (2), the word "Corporation", wherever it appears, shall be deleted.

• Consumer Guild fully supports proposed amendments.

5. In regulation 5 of the principal regulations, – (a) in sub-regulation (4), the word "Corporation" appearing after the words "separate accounts in the" shall be deleted; (b) in sub-regulation (4A), the word "Corporation" appearing after the words "rate of interest offered by the" shall be deleted.

• Consumer Guild fully supports proposed amendments.

6. In regulation 6 of the principal regulations, in sub-regulation (2), after clause (c), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:- "(d) to pay fee for the preparation, maintenance and audit of accounts of the Telecommunication Consumer Education and Protection Fund; (e) to pay such expenses as may be incurred under regulation 13(a):".

• Consumer Guild fully supports proposed amendments.

7. In regulation 13 of the principal regulations,- (a) the words "borne by" appearing after the words "the meeting of the committee shall be" shall be deleted; (b) for clause (a), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:- "(a) met out of the incomes referred to in clause (b) of sub-regulation (2) of regulation 5 with the approval of the Authority in respect of the five representatives nominate by the Chairperson of the Authority under clause (b) of regulation 8 from amongst such voluntary consumer organisations registered with the Authority;"; (c) in clause (b) before the words "the Cellular Operators Association", the words "borne by" shall be inserted.

• Consumer Guild fully supports proposed amendments.

8. In regulation 16 of the principal regulations, in sub-regulation (1), the words "under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 (68 of 1986)" appearing after the words "an order made by a Consumer Forum" shall be deleted.

• The words " an order made by a Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission is more legally relevant.