

**BHUTAN INFOCOMM AND MEDIA AUTHORITY
ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN**



**“RULES ON INFRASTRUCTURE SHARING: ELECTRICITY
POLES BY THE COMMERCIAL CABLE TELEVISION
OPERATORS”**

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FOREWORD

In accordance with Section 66 of the Bhutan Information, Communications and Media Act, 2006, the Bhutan InfoComm and Media Authority is mandated to prescribe rules for infrastructure sharing of facilities between or among ICT facility/service providers in the kingdom of Bhutan.

It is recognized that electricity is regulated by a separate regulatory framework. However, realizing the convenience and practical economic benefits, the Royal Government has accorded approval to lay the national All-Dielectric Self Supporting (ADSS) optical cable fibre network on the electrical poles. Following this decision, extensive deliberations were also initiated among the regulators, the industry and the stake holders to explore the possibilities of sharing this vital infrastructure to lay the ADSS of the cable television industry. All the stakeholders in particular the Bhutan Electricity Authority (BEA) and the Bhutan Power Corporation Ltd. (BPC) deserves special recognition and appreciation for the realization of the sharing of the electrical poles by the cable television service.

This Rule is therefore an outcome of extensive consultation with the stakeholders to optimize the use of physical infrastructures and reduce cost of providing different services. The rule among other things provides detailed technical and safety standards that needs to be followed during and after the installation of ADSS on electrical infrastructures.

Towards this end, and in accordance with the powers conferred by the Section 66 of the Act, the Authority hereby issues the “*Rules on Infrastructure Sharing: Electricity Poles by the Commercial Cable Television Operators*”.

The Rules should be read in conjunction with all other existing codes of practice and regulations established by the relevant Government agencies.

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