

## THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

### Present:

Mr. Justice Adnan Iqbal Chaudhry  
Mr. Justice Muhammad Jaffer Raza

- C.P. No. D-4062 of 2025 : Wateen Telecom Limited versus Pakistan Telecommunication Authority and another.
- For Petitioner : M/s. Salman Akram Raja, Abdul Ahad Nadeem and Bilal Ahmed Khan, Advocates.
- For Respondent No. 1 : M/s. Salman Mansoor, Advocate along with M/s. Adil Umer Khalid, Director General, PTA, Adil Javed Director (Law) and Ali Akbar Sahito, Deputy Director (Law), PTA.
- For Respondent No. 2 : M/s. Munawar Iqbal Duggal, Additional Attorney General for Pakistan and Ms. Rabia Khalid, Assistant Attorney General for Pakistan along with Mr. Muhammad Ayub, Consultant (Legal), Ministry of Information Technology & Telecommunication, Government of Pakistan.
- For Intervener : Mr. Muhammad Saleem Khaskheli, Advocate.
- Date of hearing : 22-10-2025
- Date of order : 22-10-2025

### ORDER

Adnan Iqbal Chaudhry, J. - Responding to the Petitioner's offer recorded in order dated 01.10.2025, an affidavit is filed on behalf of the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication to state:

*"5. I say that the Answering respondent supports PTA/ Respondent No.1 in its capacity as the sector regulator and its stance outlined in the reply, supporting the proposal for resolution of the matter through payment of the principal amount of APC for USF, while leaving the determination of LPAF liability to the decision of this Hon'ble Court."*

Learned counsel for the Petitioner, the PTA and the learned Deputy Attorney General affirm that Petitioner's offer recorded in the order dated 01.10.2025 has been accepted by the Federal Government and the PTA. They pray for disposal of the petition accordingly. Therefore, with consent of all present, the petition is disposed of in following terms:

The outstanding amount of APC for USF, minus the Late Payment Additional Fee [LPAF] charged thereon, shall be paid by the Petitioner to the PTA within 30 days hereof. The claim for LPAF shall remain subject to the outcome of C.P. No.D-4225/2025. Within three (03) working days of receipt of the APC for USF as aforesaid, the PTA shall issue a renewed LDI license to the Petitioner for 20 years. For the payment period of 30 days, interim orders passed in this petition shall continue.

**JUDGE**

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\*PS/SADAM