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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 03 -1998

AN ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 02-1998, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE AMERICAN SAMOA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY

Section 1: Authority

This Executive Order is issued under the authority granted to the Governor in Article IV, Section 6, American Samoa Revised Constitution, Title 4 A.S.C.A. Section 4.0111(b) and applicable sections of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of this Executive Order to the amend Executive Order 02-1998, which established the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority. Sections 3 and 4 of Executive Order No. 02-1998 are hereby amended to provide for a five (5) member American Samoa Telecommunications (ASTA) Board.

Section 3: Amendment of Executive Order 02-1998

(1) Section 3 of Executive Order 02-1998 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Establishment of the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority

There is hereby established, within the Executive Branch of the American Samoa Government (ASG), the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTA), formerly known as the Office of Communications. ASTA shall exist as a semi-autonomous agency of ASG and will be governed by a board, which shall be known as the ASTA Board, consisting of five (5) members who are appointed by the Governor for terms of two (2) years.

(2) Section 4 of Executive Order No. 02-1998 is hereby amended to read as follows:

## Composition and Qualifications of ASTA Board

Of the five gubernatorial appointees, one member shall be from the American Samoa Government Employees' Retirement Fund Board; two members shall be ASG career employees selected on the basis of character, competence, education, experience, and judgement; and two members shall be from the private sector, selected on the basis of character, competence, education, accounting and finance experience and judgement.

Section 4: Effect

With the exception of the amendments set forth herein, all other provisions contained in Executive Order 02-1998 remain in full force and effect.

Section 5: Effective Date

This order is effective immediately.

Dated: 14 N — 1 K

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TAUESE P.F. SUNIA

Governor

cc: Per Standard List