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Mr Richard Home
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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
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By email

Dear Richard

Telstra's October 2007 application for LCS and WLR exemption

I note that Telstra has made two separate applications for exemption with regard to the LCS and WLR services, the first in July 2007 and the second in October 2007.

Optus does not intend to lodge a separate submission in respect of Telstra's October application. Instead, I request that the ACCC have regard to Optus' earlier submissions (made in respect of Telstra's July application), since these are relevant to the October application also. I refer in particular to the main Optus submission lodged in early November (with one confidential appendix) and to the Optus letter dated 27 November with attached spreadsheet on Optus' DSLAM deployment (provided on a confidential basis). The sheet labelled "Oct ESAs" in that spreadsheet relates specifically to the ESAs listed in Telstra's October 2007 application.

Optus would be willing to provide interested parties with copies of the confidential material it has provided to the ACCC, subject to a confidentiality undertaking, which is available from Carolyn Yan (carolyn.yan@optus.com.au).

Yours sincerely



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