COMPETITION AND CONSUMER ACT 2010

Extension of declaration expiry date under section 152ALA(4) Variation of declaration in accordance with section 152AO

 Pursuant to section 152ALA(4) of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Act), the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) extends the expiry date for Domestic PSTN Terminating Service declaration to 31 July 2019.

Note: the previous expiry date was 31 July 2014.

- In accordance with section 152AO of the Act, the ACCC varies the Domestic PSTN Terminating Service declaration to be known as the Fixed Terminating Access Service (FTAS) declaration. This variation commences on 1 August 2014.
- 3. The FTAS is described and varied in Annexure 1 to this instrument.

Rodney Graham Sims

Chairman

Dated: | 6 April 2014

Annexure 1: Service Description for the FTAS

Service description and definitions

An access service for the carriage of telephone-calls (i.e. voice, data over the voice band) from a POI to end-customer assigned numbers from the geographic number ranges of the Australian Numbering Plan and directly connected to the access provider's network.

For the avoidance of doubt, the service also includes a service for the carriage of telephone calls from a POI, or potential POI, located at or associated with a local switch and located on the incoming trunk side of the switch to customer equipment at an end-user's premises.

Channel Capacity

The service will establish a connection for the purposes of voice communication with the standard bandwidth of 3.1kHz.

Services

The service is provided on a call that is handed over for termination to a customer directly connected to the access provider's network with numbering in accordance with the Australian Numbering Plan.

Signalling

Signals for this service will use CCS#7 signalling. Unless otherwise agreed, this CCS#7 signalling will be in accordance with the NIIF/ACIF Interconnection-ISUP specification.

Nature of switchports

At POIs the calls will be delivered to the access seeker at 2.048Mbit/sec Switchports. The switchports will operate at 2.048Mbit/sec in accordance with the ITU Recommendations G.703, G. 704 and G.732 (Blue Book).

Definitions

Where words or phrases used in this declaration are defined in the Act or the Telecommunications Act 1997, they have the meaning given in the relevant Act.

In this Appendix:

NBN corporation has the same meaning as in the National Broadband Network Companies Act 2011.

point of Interconnection or POI means an agreed location which:

- is a physical point of demarcation between the networks nominated by the access seeker and the access provider; and
- is associated (but not necessarily co-located with) with one or more gateway
 exchanges of each of the networks nominated by the access seeker and the access
 provider in respect of the POIs nominated by the access provider.