Industry meeting held on 30 May 2008

Block C

Agenda

1. Structure of the thin licence
2. Licence fees
3. Frequency spectrum licences
4. Licence obligation

The structure of the thin licence

- Complaints that the size of the new draft licences suggest:
  - that rights have been withdrawn or undermined
  - issuing identical licences via conversion

This is simply untrue!

Instead of ONE licence → THREE Licences

Subject to convergence time frame

1. BS / ECS licence
2. ECNS licence
3. RFS licence

NOT subject to time frame

4. Double the no. of regulations which are subject to change

Licence structure contd.

Principles:

1. All existing rights that align with the ECA are retained
2. Standard terms & conditions apply to all licensees according to categories in chapter 3
3. Specific terms and conditions differ across categories

Structure contd.

Specific terms & conditions = final stage of conversion

Process:

1. Individual consultations with licensees
2. Consideration of written submissions from licensees
3. Publication of draft specific T&Cs in the following sequence:
    1. BS licences
    2. ECS licences
    3. ECNS licences
4. Consideration of written submissions

Structure contd.

Issuing of the following simultaneously:

1. Final T&Cs for ECS/BS licence
2. Final T&Cs for ECNS licence
3. Spectrum licence (coverage area & tech specifications)

Licence Fees

Process:

1. Industry workshop conducted 2007
2. Undertook further research
3. Formulated recommendations for Minister
4. …..Awaiting policy or policy directive from Minister

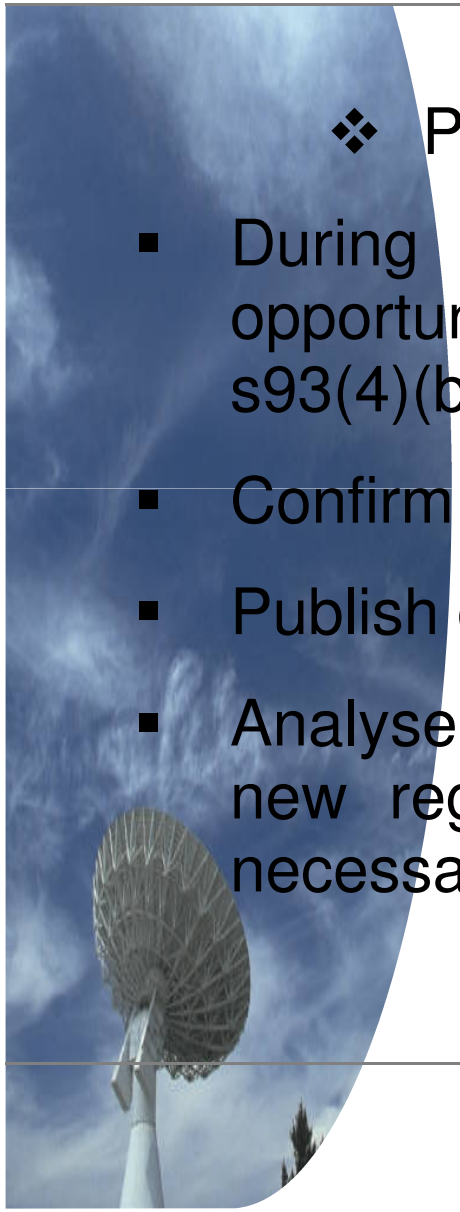
Spectrum licence

Process

Regardless of the frequency plan

1. Developed RFS licence covering:
   - Licensee profile
   - Technical specifications
   - Coverage map
2. Post licences to individual licensees for confirmation of details in the following sequence:
   1. BS licensees
   2. ECS licensees
   3. ECNS licensees

Licence obligations



- Process

- During individual consultations gave licensees an opportunity to make submissions, and consider s93(4)(b)
- Confirm such obligations in the draft licence
- Publish draft licence for public comment
- Analyse extent of new obligations (if any) set out in the new regulations and conduct additional research if necessary

Licence obligations

Post-convergence (ground work underway)

1. Apply Section 8.4 and 10 primarily to ensure parity of the T&Cs of the individual licences and achieve objects of the Act.
2. Apply Sections 13 (3 - 4)



THANK YOU

Any questions?

Indicate
your name, and
the company you represent.

