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COUNCIL DECISIONS– 03 March 2020

ITEM NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DECISION
1.	**Publication of the Findings Report on the Review of the Price Cap Regulations for Reserved Postal Services** The purpose of the submission was to request Council to approve the publication of the Findings Report on the Review of the Price Cap Regulations for Reserved Postal Services in the Government Gazette and on the Authority's website. 1.1 ICASA undertook to conduct a review of the Price Cap Regulations for Reserved Postal Services, 2013 (the Price Cap Regulations) in terms of sections 2(a), 8(a) and 30 of the Postal Services Act 124 of the 1998 ("PSA") and regulation 10 of the Price Cap Regulations. 1.2 The intention of the review was to impose effective price controls in the reserved postal services and ensure that regulation of the reserved services space remains appropriate and sufficient to secure the efficient and financially sustainable provision of the reserved postal services. 1.3 The review followed the conclusion of a Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) on the Price Cap Regulations to determine whether or not the imposition of price controls is still	**It was resolved that Council approve the publication of the Findings Report on the Review of the Price Cap Regulations for Reserved Postal Services in the Government Gazette and on the Authority's website.**

	relevant and propose an alternative form(s) of regulation, if necessary. 1.4 The RIA found that a new regulatory framework was urgently needed, as the current price control obligation was no longer effective or proportionate.	
2.	**Request to approve coverage of 2019 National and Provincial Elections** The purpose of the submission was to request Council to approve the 2019 Elections Coverage Report. 2.1 A total of sixty-nine (69) broadcasting service Licensees participated in the 2019 elections thirty-nine (39) of them being Community Sound Broadcasting licensees; eight (8) being Commercial Radio Stations, and eighteen (18) being Public Sound Broadcasting services and three (3) SABC TV channels. One (1) commercial sound service Licensee (YFM) elected to broadcast PEBs over and above other elections related content. 2.2 Forty-eight (48) political parties contested the 2019 National Elections and two hundred and sixty-seven (267) political parties contested Elections at a Provincial level. 2.3 A total of two hundred and seventy (270) PEB's were allocated to political parties, per licensee, participating in the broadcasting of PEBs. 2.4 In relation to coverage of languages, most of the political content was broadcast in English even though many of the items monitored were on the stations where English was not the main	**It was resolved that the 2019 National and Provincial Elections Report be approved.**

	language of broadcast. 2.5 In terms of complaints and matters referred to the Complaints and Compliance Committee, six (6) Licensees did not comply with Regulations governing the Elections; namely; Aganang FM; Igagasi FM; the SABC's Ligwalagwala FM; SAFM; Tru FM and Radio 2000. 2.6 The CCC found that there was evidence of gross negligence by Aganang FM and Igagasi and fines were duly imposed. With respect to the SABC stations, the complaints were not upheld because of the absence of negligence.	
3.	**SABC – Munghana Lonene FM – Application for Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence amendment** Manager: Broadcasting Frequency Coordination presented the item. The purpose of the submission was to request Council to approve the application for Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence amendment by the South African Broadcasting Corporation – Munghana Lonene FM. 3.1 There was no overlap into the neighbouring areas as indicated in the report. 3.2 The submission would not be gazetted to protect the licensees. 3.3 Better and improved broadcasting was noted as a result of the proposed amendment. 3.4 There was no change in frequency but the antenna height.	**It was resolved that the amendment of the Applicant's Radio Frequency Spectrum License be approved.**
4.	**North West FM – You FM – Application for Radio Frequency Spectrum License amendment**	**The amendment of the Applicant's Radio Frequency Spectrum License was approved.**

	The purpose of the submission was to request Council to approve the application for Radio Frequency Spectrum Licence amendment from North West FM (Pty) Ltd also known as You FM. 4.1 The effective radiation power was measured by the software from ICASA on the actual device. 4.2 North West was at some point going through financial challenges. A lot was done, and Council approved the change of ownership last year. 4.3 The proposed technical amendments would not cause harmful interference to other licenced broadcasters and to space co-ordinated frequencies; and 4.4 The Applicant's broadcasting signal would still be confined within its areas of North West Province.	

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ISSUED BY: Secretariat Office
on behalf of Council