

Tariff for Offering of Priority Circuit Scheme to Requesting Licensees

Background

The Priority Circuit Scheme is intended to facilitate faster service recoveries for selected customers of Requesting Licensees, in the event of a large-scale service difficulty incident on the Next Generation National Broadband Network (“NGNBN”). For the avoidance of doubt, the Priority Circuit Scheme operates in conjunction with the Industry Crisis Management Plan (“ICMP”).

During a major service difficulty incident (as defined in the ICMP), the affected Priority Circuits will be restored through fibre patching using existing reserved spare fibre strands.

Priority Circuits will only be made available to Requesting Licensees for purpose of emergency service restoration during large-scale NGNBN service difficulty incidents, as provided for in the ICMP. For the avoidance of doubt, the Priority Circuits are strictly not meant to act as diverse or “back-up” connections/circuits for use by Requesting Licensees.

The Priority Circuits referred to herein are either Residential End-User Connections or Non-Residential End-User Connections.

i) Maximum Number and Allocation of Priority Circuits

NetLink Trust shall offer up to a maximum of thirty (30) Priority Circuits per Central Office (“CO”) per Requesting Licensee.

The thirty (30) Priority Circuits will be made available at each of the ten (10) COs at no cost to the Requesting Licensees.

ii) Half-Yearly Update of Priority Circuits

The Requesting Licensee are required to update (i.e., add or remove) their list of Priority Circuits every six (6) months.

The Requesting Licensees shall by 31 Mar and 30 Sep submit to NetLink Trust via email using the standard template prescribed by NetLink Trust, the Priority Circuits which are to be added or removed from their list of Priority Circuits.

Additional Terms & Conditions Governing Use of Priority Circuit Scheme

The Priority Circuit Scheme shall only be made available to Requesting Licensees which have accepted and signed on to the ICMP.

Any breach of the terms and conditions of the Priority Circuit Scheme, or of the terms and conditions of NetLink Trust’s Interconnection Offer (“ICO”), by the participating Requesting Licensee shall constitute a material breach for which NetLink Trust is entitled to terminate its offering to the participating Requesting Licensee of the Priority Circuit Scheme with immediate effect.



All Service Level Guarantees (“SLGs”) offered pursuant to the ICO, including SLGs for Service Activation Period, Mean Time To Recovery and Service Level Availability, shall not apply to the Residential End-User Connections and Non-Residential End-User Connections provisioned under the Priority Circuit Scheme. Accordingly, Requesting Licensees shall not be entitled to any remedy or rebate whatsoever from NetLink Trust in respect of the Residential End-User Connections and Non-Residential End-User Connections provisioned under the Priority Circuit Scheme.