

STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

11 August 2014

Aurizon Network's 2014 DAU and update to UT4 assessment timetable

On 11 August 2014, Aurizon Network withdrew its original 2013 Draft Access Undertaking (known as UT4) and submitted a replacement UT4 proposal for our approval (the 2014 DAU). The 2014 DAU includes:

- (1) Volume 1: an undertaking and schedules
- (2) Volume 2: a standard user funding agreement (SUFA) – noting that the 2013 SUFA draft amending access undertaking process (SUFA DAAU) is pending finalisation and, upon approval, will be incorporated into any approved undertaking
- (3) Volume 3: standard agreements to the undertaking (including the standard access agreements (SAAs), the standard rail connection agreement (SRCA) and the studies funding agreement).

The 2014 DAU has been developed by Aurizon Network working collaboratively with its stakeholders over recent months and substantially revising the original UT4 proposal, which Aurizon Network says takes into consideration many issues of concern raised by stakeholders.

Aurizon Network has provided supporting documentation in the form of three documents:

- (1) a mark-up of the 2014 DAU (compared with the original UT4 proposal (volume 1 and 3 material))
- (2) a key issues table: providing a matrix of key changes
- (3) a detailed issue table: providing a detailed summary of changes made in the undertaking, schedules and standard agreements to the undertaking.

It said that any explanatory documentation that had been provided to support its original proposal remains relevant to our 2014 DAU assessment – but the documents submitted as part of the 2014 DAU should prevail in the event of any inconsistencies. In addition it has maintained its costs and revenue proposal.

The submission of the 2014 DAU means that the UT4 assessment process will be reset and the timeframes for our decision revised accordingly, including allocating a further period for stakeholder consultation. We have updated our assessment timetable (attached). We remain committed to finalising the UT4 arrangements by June 2015.

Stakeholders are invited to comment on Aurizon Network's 2014 DAU. Submissions are due by **3 October 2014**.

We will take into account all submissions received as well as material submitted by stakeholders on the original UT4 proposal (to the extent it remains relevant).

As the 2014 DAU does not affect revenue related aspects of the UT4 proposal, we will release a draft decision on the maximum allowable revenue (MAR) in September 2014, with a draft decision on all other matters to be made by December 2014.

ATTACHMENT: UPDATED PROPOSED TIMETABLE (UT4 and 2013 SUFA DAAU ASSESSMENT)

Task	Indicative Dates
2014 DAU submission	11 August 2014
2013 SUFA DAAU Draft Decision	September 2014
UT4 Draft Decision on maximum allowable revenue (MAR) only	September 2014
Submissions on UT4 due	3 October 2014
Submissions on 2013 SUFA DAAU Draft Decision due	November 2014
Submissions on UT4 Draft Decision on MAR due	Early December 2014
UT4 Draft Decision (on policy and pricing principles)	Mid December 2014
Submissions on UT4 Draft Decision (policy and pricing principles) due	February 2015
2013 SUFA DAAU Final Decision	February 2015
UT4 Final Decision on policy, pricing and MAR	May 2015
UT4 Final Approval	By 30 June 2015
UT4 Commences	July 2015