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Mr Alex Kummant
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Aurizon Network Pty Ltd
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Dear Mr Kummant

Notice of Investigation: Aurizon Network's Amended 2014 Draft Access Undertaking

On 7 July 2016, we received from Aurizon Network Pty Ltd (Aurizon Network) a draft access undertaking (the Amended 2014 DAU) in accordance with section 136 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (the QCA Act).

Sections 144–147 of the QCA Act provide for the Authority to conduct an investigation for preparing or approving a draft access undertaking.

We intend to conduct an investigation into the Amended 2014 DAU.

Notice of Investigation

In accordance with section 146 of the QCA Act, we are notifying you that we will be conducting an investigation to decide whether or not to approve Aurizon Network's Amended 2014 DAU.

Submissions

In accordance with section 138(3) of the QCA Act, we may approve a draft access undertaking if, among other things, the Authority has:

- published the draft access undertaking and invited persons to make submissions on it; and
- considered those submissions.

We have published Aurizon Network's Amended 2014 DAU on our website (www.qca.org.au) and sought submissions from interested parties.

We have also published a draft decision in respect of the Amended 2014 DAU. Submissions are invited by 23 September 2016. Attached is a submissions page to assist in the preparation and lodgement of your submission. Aurizon Network is welcome to comment on any aspect of the Amended 2014 DAU.

Any inquiries on this matter should be directed to Mr George Passmore on (07) 3222 0545.

Yours sincerely



Charles Millstead
Chief Executive Officer

SUBMISSIONS

Closing date for submissions: 23 September 2016

Public involvement is an important element of the decision-making processes of the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA). Therefore, submissions are invited from interested parties concerning its assessment of Aurizon Network's Amended 2014 draft access undertaking. The QCA will take account of all submissions received within the stated deadline.

Submissions, comments or inquiries regarding this paper should be directed to:

Queensland Competition Authority
GPO Box 2257
Brisbane Q 4001
Tel (07) 3222 0555
Fax (07) 3222 0599
www.qca.org.au/submissions

Confidentiality

In the interests of transparency and to promote informed discussion, the QCA would prefer submissions to be made publicly available wherever this is reasonable. However, if a person making a submission does not want that submission to be public, that person should claim confidentiality in respect of the document (or any part of the document). Claims for confidentiality should be clearly noted on the front page of the submission and the relevant sections of the submission should be marked as confidential, so that the remainder of the document can be made publicly available. It would also be appreciated if two copies of each version of these submissions (i.e. the complete version and another excising confidential information) could be provided. Where it is unclear why a submission has been marked 'confidential', the status of the submission will be discussed with the person making the submission.

While the QCA will endeavour to identify and protect material claimed as confidential as well as exempt information and information disclosure of which would be contrary to the public interest (within the meaning of the *Right to Information Act 2009* (RTI)), it cannot guarantee that submissions will not be made publicly available.

Public access to submissions

Subject to any confidentiality constraints, submissions will be available for public inspection at the Brisbane office, or on the website at www.qca.org.au. If you experience any difficulty gaining access to documents, please contact us on (07) 3222 0555.