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ComReg seeks the views of postal service users on price increases proposed by An Post

The Commission for Communications (ComReg) has today published its consultation on An Post's application to increase the prices of certain of its postal services within the scope of universal postal service that weigh less than 50 grams. Prices for these particular postal services were last increased in 2007.

In accordance with the Communications Regulation (Postal Services) Act 2011 ("2011 Act"), these price increases proposed by An Post require the prior approval of ComReg.

ComReg must, among other things, ensure that these price increases proposed by An Post are affordable for postal service users. Accordingly, ComReg in particular is seeking the views of postal service users on the proposed price increases, and particularly business postal service users who as a group account for c.80% of mail volumes.

The price increase proposals by An Post include:

A c.18% increase to the price of the Domestic Stamped Letter from 55 cents to 65 cents

A c.9% increase to the price of Domestic Metered Letter from 54 cents to 60 cents

A c.10% increase to the price for users of Bulk Mail Discount 6 Letter from 41 cents to 45 cents

ComReg requests that any responses to the Consultation are received no later than 31 January 2013.

Further details on how to make a response can be found in the Consultation 12/138 at www.comreg.ie

Notes to Editors:

ComReg's consultation (Document No. 12/138) and accompanying report by Frontier Economics (Document No. 12/138a) can be found at www.comreg.ie

Postal service users are defined by the 2011 Act to include both the senders and receivers of post.

Section 30(12) of the 2011 Act requires, pending the making of a price cap decision, that no change can be made by An Post to any of its charges for its postal services within the scope of the universal postal service relating to postal packets weighing less than 50 grams without the prior consent in writing of ComReg

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