

Next Generation Access (NGA)

Request for non-confidential NGA Margin Squeeze Model and costing data

Information Notice

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1 Introduction

- On 4 April 2012, the Commission for Communications Regulation ("ComReg") published its consultation on the proposed remedies in the context of next generation access ("NGA"), in ComReg Document No 12/27¹. ComReg Document No 12/27 contains references to the NGA Margin Squeeze Model, which forms the basis of the proposed price control obligation on Eircom Limited ("Eircom") for the provision of wholesale broadband access ("WBA") products and services in the context of NGA.
- 2. On 11 May 2012, an interested party submitted a request to ComReg seeking access to the cost model, the costing data and the associated assumptions used in the modelling process, which was made available to Eircom, with redacted confidential information. The request also included access to other models relevant to the consultation that have been made available to any other operator, with redacted confidential information.
- 3. The NGA Margin Squeeze Model and the associated files containing the input data to the model ("Associated Files") are largely based on confidential information provided by Eircom. ComReg believes that there was sufficient detail in the consultation document with regard to the Margin Squeeze tests proposed. However, in light of the request received and the particular importance of NGA, ComReg will share the non-confidential version of the NGA Margin Squeeze Model in this particular instance. Therefore, in line with ComReg's guidelines on the treatment of confidential information as set out in ComReg Document No 05/24², ComReg requested Eircom to provide a non-confidential version of the NGA Margin Squeeze Model and the Associated Files.
- 4. A non-confidential version of the NGA Margin Squeeze Model with the associated specification document³ is now available, upon request to ComReg. All of the Associated Files, except the file containing quarterly report information, have been withheld by Eircom on the basis that these files contain confidential and commercially sensitive information.

¹ ComReg Document No 12/27: Next Generation Access (NGA) - Proposed Remedies for Next Generation Access Markets; dated 4 April 2012.

² ComReg Document No 05/25: Guidelines on the treatment of confidential information – Final text of the Guidelines; dated 22 March 2005.

³ This is the document which describes the inputs to the model and any assumptions as well as an overview of the structure of the model.

5. If any interested party would like to access the non-confidential version of the NGA Margin Squeeze Model, the associated specification document and the file containing quarterly report information, please send an email to Caroline Jordan and Fergal Mulligan at the email addresses below.

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