



the independent networks cooperative association

Switching and Wholesale SIG

Thurs 11 Jun 2020

14:00 – 15:30

“Everything Online”: Zoom

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Agenda

Time	Item	Who
14:00	Welcome & Intros	Lloyd
	Feedback on Ofcom call with INCA	Mike
	INCA response to Ofcom WFTMR re Wholesale Aggregation	Gita
	DCMS Head of S&E intro call with INCA re Wholesale Aggregation	Lloyd
	Specification & Roadmap subgroup – supplier update	Mike
	Governance & Funding subgroup – Feasibility Study funding request	Lloyd
	OTA2 Option Y – response has gone in	
	Timeline / Dates	
	AOB	Lloyd
	Date of Next Zoom: 14:00 – 15:30	Lloyd

Feedback on Ofcom call with INCA

- All based on consumer choice and expectation of consumers on what they can get.
- Ofcom is not in the business of depriving consumers on current level of service.
- Retailers will expect products similar to and on similar terms as OR/BT
- Cu will not be allowed to be switched off in areas where the local Monopoly Provider doesn't offer the same level of services as on Superfast.
- Policy is increasingly Sole Supply Position must offer Wholesale Access.

INCA response to Ofcom WFTMR

- Specific section 4.1 on Wholesale Aggregation
 - consumers must have choice
 - single-network fibre need to become open to wholesale access (some gov't funded ones already have that obligation)
 - incentive to attract retail ISPs to altnet networks, offer standardised services
 - feasibility study underway, engaged with Ofcom, ISPs, altnets
 - exploring alignment with GPL
 - common wholesale access presents numerous small networks as one to retail market
 - wholesale aggregation platform will help future consolidation

DCMS intro call with INCA

- Colum McGuire: new Head of Strategy & Engagement, Digital Infrastructure, DCMS. Karl Talbot, DCMS. Robert Burles: interim Deputy Director. Rob L, Lloyd F, Tim S, James S, Mike L for INCA
- INCA Introduction & Background (Rob)
- Wholesale & Switching
 - - Introduction & Background, GPL, USO, WFTMR (Mike), INCA's Plan & Strategy (Lloyd)
- Full Fibre & 5G Barrier Busting (Tim)
- DCMS Introduction & Outside-In (Colum)
- INCA & DCMS Collaboration (All)
 - - Scale Retailers, Ofcom definition of Areas
- Follow up: Briefing doc and call on 25 June

Specification & Roadmap

- Hubory Hub – response promised this week
- Netadmin – concentrating on OSS/BSS, will continue to contribute
- Sonalake / Bridge / 11 Pipers – potential timing, list of areas which need further definition – further response promised this week
- Strategic Imperatives – conf call held with Wail Sabbagh, Tim Sayer COO, Matt Brewer CTO.
 - work on EMP, LLU, Fibre WLR. Around 250 CPs (inc Voda) interfaced with EMP. Provider-managed Availability checker by UPRN (the wholesale bit) would need to be created
- Union Street – initial comments received
- Wallet Services – comments on GPL Hub to which Wholesale can be added
- BT – contacted, awaiting response, needs more follow-up

Governance & Funding subgroup

- Lloyd
 - Feasibility study Founder Member funding request
 - Positive responses (all subject to terms)

OTA2 Option Y – Ofcom asks

- Identification & Verification reliability?
 - IDing the customer and service
 - what happens when issues?
- How does expedite work?
- Full match needs to include type, infrastructure, ref (ALID, ONT)
- Cost estimate impacts?
 - none
- Implementation timelines?
 - 18 or 24 months from statement depending on governance

Question raised on UPRN matching.

so – how many operators use UPRN in customer addressing / records?

- relevant to Option Y GPL
- relevant to Wholesale “what product is available at this UPRN”

Regulatory

- revised Ofcom Plan of Work for 20/21 – end April
 - GPL Switching Statement expected Sept 20
- Ofcom internal review of OTA2 ECWB Option X & Y
 - new asks for response by 8th June - done
- INCA response to Ofcom WTMR by 22 May 20
 - done
- Ministerial statement “by summer”

Timeline & Dates

- INCA Board 16 June 20
- INCA Feasibility Study May / June
- Ofcom statement on GPL Switching Sept 20
- Ofcom WFTMR planned publication March 21
- Implementation of GPL Switching by Sept 21 latest

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