

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY ACT 2006

VARIATION NUMBER 19 DATED 28 OCTOBER 2019

TO LICENCE GRANTED TO BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION (“THE LICENSEE”) UNDER SECTION 8(1) OF THE WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY ACT 2006 (“THE LICENCE”) AUTHORISING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF STATIONS DESCRIBED IN THE SCHEDULES TO THE LICENCE FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF BROADCASTING SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS, PROVISIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE LICENCE DATED 6 JULY 2007 AS AMENDED BY VARIATION NUMBER 1 DATED 10 OCTOBER 2008, VARIATION NUMBER 2 DATED 08 APRIL 2009, VARIATION NUMBER 3 DATED 2 JUNE 2009, VARIATION NUMBER 4 DATED 5 AUGUST 2009, VARIATION NUMBER 5 DATED 20 OCTOBER 2009, VARIATION NUMBER 6 (INCORRECTLY NUMBERED 5) DATED 22 FEBRUARY 2010, VARIATION NUMBER 7 (INCORRECTLY NUMBERED 6) DATED 29 MARCH 2010, VARIATION NUMBER 8 DATED 05 AUGUST 2010, VARIATION NUMBER 9 DATED 15 SEPTEMBER 2010, VARIATION NUMBER 10 DATED 21 JANUARY 2011, VARIATION NUMBER 11 DATED 27 JANUARY 2016, VARIATION NUMBER 12 DATED 16 DECEMBER 2016, VARIATION NUMBER 13 DATED 2 FEBRUARY 2017, VARIATION NUMBER 14 DATED 1 MARCH 2017, VARIATION NUMBER 15 DATED 28 JUNE 2017, VARIATION NUMBER 16 DATED 1 FEBRUARY 2018, VARIATION NUMBER 17 DATED 13 JULY 2018 AND VARIATION NUMBER 18 DATED 26 FEBRUARY 2019.

WHEREAS

- A. On 19 November 2014 Ofcom published a statement called “Decision to make the 700MHz band available for mobile data” containing a spectrum management decision to make spectrum in the 700MHz band available for mobile data use.
- B. In order to make the 700MHz band available for mobile data use, existing authorised users of digital terrestrial television, including the Licensee, will have to be cleared from the 700MHz band.
- C. On 17 October 2016, Ofcom published a statement called “Maximising the benefits of 700MHz clearance – enabling acceleration of 700MHz clearance and use of the 700MHz centre gap”, in which it stated that it would aim to make the band available for that use by May 2020.
- D. Ofcom has therefore decided that it is appropriate to amend the Licence in order to implement the 700MHz DTT Clearance Programme and give effect to its decisions, by requiring the Licensee to complete the 700 MHz Clearance Programme by 30 April 2020, and is now varying the Licence in order to do so.
- E. Ofcom has amended the definition of the “700 MHz DTT Clearance Date” in the Licence, removed the placeholder text on the 700 MHz DTT Clearance Date from the Licence and specified a 700 MHz DTT Clearance Date of 30 April 2020.

F. In accordance with Schedule 1 paragraph 7 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 the Licensee has been given one month to make representations on the proposed variation. The Licensee has submitted representations which we have considered.

NOW THEREFORE the Licence shall be varied in the following manner:

1. By amending the definition of the “700 MHz Clearance Date” in the Licence and amending paragraph 2 in Schedule 2 to the Licence, as set out in the fully consolidated licence attached to this notice of variation.

Unless otherwise stated, this variation to the Licence shall come into force on the date it is executed by Ofcom.

This document shall be construed as if it formed part of the Licence and shall be governed by English law. Terms used in it shall have the same meaning as in the Licence unless stated or the context requires otherwise.

SIGNED FOR OFCOM ON 20 OCTOBER 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Plumb', written in a cursive style.

Graham Plumb
Director of Spectrum Broadcasting