

Additional comments:

Although few high power PMSE licences are issued in a year, we are glad that Ofcom accepts the importance of this equipment in covering news and sports events of national importance such as the Open Golf, Wimbledon tennis championships and the Cheltenham Gold cup. Coverage of these events, and many smaller ones, would be a technical challenge (and indeed in some cases impossible) without access to high power PMSE equipment. We also recognise the importance of these frequencies for radio links for short term applications such as RSLs where budgets are tight and solutions need to be cost effective.

It should also be remembered that at the big events where we would normally apply to use high power PMSE, low power users will often apply for a co-ordinated licence due to the likely number of users on shared frequencies and the chances of too many users fighting for the shared frequencies. Use of high power PMSE in ch 38 will not affect the issuing of low power PMSE co-ordinated licences.

Question 1: Do you agree with our proposal to allow high power PMSE use in channel 38 on 606.7 and 607 MHz at a maximum of 10 W ERP?:

Yes. As a high power PMSE user, we are grateful for the opportunity to have access to a couple of nationally available frequencies in a band that our equipment can be modified to.