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Forename:

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Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep name confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:

You may publish my response on receipt

Additional comments:

Question 1: Do you consider that our proposed fee rates for licences in the aeronautical VHF frequencies are appropriate?:

No, the whole concept of charging user fees for aeronautical VHF frequencies is flawed. They are there primarily for safety and as such should be provided free of charge. Each ground station is providing a resource and service to the air users, whether it is by a licenced controller or by a FISO. If you have an airfield or strip which is used by many local aeroplanes - to have them arrive or depart in a non radio environment is stepping back 50 or 60 years.

Question 2: In devising our revised proposals, have we identified all of the aeronautical uses of VHF communications frequencies which require a distinct approach to fee setting, as set out in tables 5 and 6?:

No

Question 3: Do you agree with our proposal not to charge any fees for Fire assignments?:

Yes

Question 4: Do you agree with our proposal to set a £75 fee for licences in any of the sporting frequencies?:

Provided they are not safety related - if so, they should be free

Question 5: Do you agree with our proposal to set an annual fee of £19,800 per ACARS or VDL assignment, with no variation related to the number of transmitters?:

Yes, the commercial operators gain enormous benefit and should accept the charge.

Question 6: Do you consider that our proposed approach to phasing in fees for use of the aeronautical VHF communications channels are appropriate? If there are particular reasons why you consider that any user or group of users would need longer phasing-in periods, please provide any supporting evidence for us to consider. Specifically, do you have any evidence for us to consider that would support either of Options 1 and 2 for the highest proposed fee in this sector?:

The phasing in of fees is entirely dependent on whether they are justifiable. If a service user is substantially financed by commercial traffic, then fees should be levied and if they are not charged at present should be phased in. To merely state that fees should be phased in over a period of time for all users implies that we accept their concept - we don't. In most other countries, the government provides funds to support local airports and their upkeep. This in turn improves safety, increases local airport use and increases local business and commerce.

Question 7: Do you have any further quantified information to contribute to the analysis of financial impacts of the proposed fees on particular spectrum users, as set out in Annex 5? We would like to publish all responses, but will respect the confidentiality of any material which is clearly marked as such.:

Simply put, if you apply fees to all, many airports and smaller strips will not provide radio services. This will reduce the safety of the area and may - eventually cause an aircraft accident with the subsequent loss of life.

The blood of these people will be upon you forever - their deaths will haunt you and cause you to remember that any decision to charge money for a safety related resource is wholly unsatisfactory and immoral.

Question 8: Do you consider that our assessment of the impacts of our proposals has taken full account of relevant factors? If you consider that there is additional evidence that would indicate particular impacts we should take into account, we would be grateful if you could provide this.:

No - You do not canvass the opinions of the root and branch users of these services in an approachable and accessible way. You provide access paths in ill conceived and complex ways, you deny the very basic user of the service the means to contribute and comment on the proposals. You are the very spawn of Beelzebub.