

# Availability of Numbering Resource

Geographic number conservation measures in additional geographic area codes, additional numbering resources for NTS (087X and 084), revised application forms for telephone numbers and changes to the Telephone Numbering Plan

Statement

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#### Section 1

# Summary

- 1.1 This statement sets out Ofcom's (the Office of Communications) decisions in relation to giving an additional 91 geographic area codes conservation status, making additional numbers available for Number Translation Services ('NTS') and modifications to the National Telephone Numbering Plan ('the Plan') and specific Numbering Application Forms. It follows on from our consultation *Availability of Numbering Resource* published on 6 March 2007 ('the March 2007 consultation').
- 1.2 The March 2007 consultation sought views on Ofcom's proposals to ensure the ongoing availability of numbers in geographic area codes and for NTS. It also sought views on Ofcom's proposals to modify the Plan and make changes to application forms S1 (Geographic), S8 (NTS) and S18 (Reseller Identification Codes ('RID').
- 1.3 The March 2007 consultation did not propose any changes to geographic numbers. Instead of such changes it proposed further number conservation measures to ensure the ongoing supply of geographic numbers as these measures would incur the least disruption and cost. Geographic conservation measures create a tenfold increase in the quantity of telephone number blocks available for allocation by reducing the size of number blocks allocated to communications providers from 10,000 to 1,000 numbers.
- 1.4 Geographic number conservation measures are central to Ofcom's strategic approach to managing geographic numbering. This approach is expected to be sufficient to meet current levels of demand.
- 1.5 To ensure the continued availability of numbers for NTS, additional resources are needed. Two new ranges were proposed to supplement the current 0871 numbers and one new range was proposed to supplement the 0844 range.
- 1.6 The March 2007 consultation proposed modifications to the Plan to ensure it reflects accurately the numbers available for allocation. It also proposed changes to the RID application form to ensure that it was aligned to current allocation criteria.
- 1.7 Ofcom received eight submissions during the consultation period and has considered these responses in reaching the conclusions set out in this statement. Ofcom has decided that:
  - all 91 geographic area codes should be given conservation status immediately;
  - 0872 and 0873 shall be made available to supplement 0871 and 0843 shall be made available to supplement 0844;
  - the Plan and the application forms should be modified as proposed in the March 2007 consultation. The final notification of the modifications to the provisions of the Plan and the direction under condition 17.9 in respect of the application forms are in Annex 4 and 5 of this statement. The modifications come into immediate effect on publication.

## Section 2

# Introduction

- 2.1 Ofcom is responsible for the publication of the Plan and the administration of the Scheme. The Plan sets out the numbers available for allocation and any restrictions in their adoption or use, while the Scheme provides the day-to-day record of the status of telephone numbers in the UK. It is Ofcom's duty, as set out in section 63 of the Act, to ensure that best use is made of the UK's numbering resource and to encourage efficiency and innovation for that purpose, thus ensuring sufficient and appropriate telephone numbers are available to provide communications services to consumers.
- 2.2 Where the supply of blocks of numbers required for the provision of communications services is limited, it is Ofcom's duty to rectify the situation. This is because a lack of available numbers would hinder competition, consumer choice and innovation in the provision of networks and services. This Statement will implement a number of measures which are necessary to ensure the ongoing supply of telephone numbers to meet communications providers' needs.
- 2.3 The supply of blocks of geographic numbers for allocation by Ofcom to communications providers is currently limited in some geographic areas. Therefore, Ofcom proposed to extend conservation measures to those geographic area codes which need additional number blocks. This proposal would increase the supply of blocks available for allocation in specified geographic areas by reducing the size of number block to units of 1,000 (1k) rather than 10,000 (10k) numbers.
- 2.4 Geographic number conservation status is recorded in the Plan. This ensures, through the provision of the General Condition of Entitlement 17 ("the Numbering Condition"), that communications providers observe the resulting restrictions in allocation and use. Therefore, Ofcom's proposals require a modification to the Plan to bring them into effect.
- 2.5 The current numbering resources assigned for the provision of NTS are now limited. The decision in this statement to increase the supply of numbers set aside for the provision of NTS will address this issue immediately so as to ensure the continued allocation of these numbers to communications providers.
- 2.6 During 2006, available number blocks for allocation to communications providers within the Portsmouth, Southampton and Belfast geographic area codes also became limited. Ofcom decided to open up additional ranges for expansion within these area codes. Ofcom is updating the Plan to reflect these changes.
- 2.7 RID codes are three character alphabetic codes which are used to identify the service provider who bills the end-user for the provision of an electronic communication service and is also the end-user's point of contact for any queries in relation to the service. In many cases, the retail brand recognised by the end-user and the underlying network provider are not the same and therefore the RID identifies the retail brand. The March 2007 consultation proposed that the use of RID codes should be extended to LLU.

# **Legal Framework**

- 2.8 Ofcom regulates the communications sector under the framework established by the Act. The Act provides, amongst other things in relation to numbering, for the publication of the Plan and the setting of General Conditions of Entitlement relatingto Telephone Numbers ("Numbering Conditions").
- 2.9 The legal framework for Ofcom's administration of the Plan was set out in Section 7 of the March 2007 consultation. It is provided for reference at Annex 3 of this document.
- 2.10 The decisions set out in this document require modifications to the Plan to bring them into effect. In addition the designation of further conservation geographic area codes, additional numbering for NTS and changes to the use of RID codes requires modifications to the S1, S8 and S18 numbering application forms respectively. An explanation of how the modifications comply with the legal tests in the Act is set out in Annex 3. The final notification and reasoning are set out in Annexes 4 and 5 of this statement.

#### Section 3

# Conserving geographic numbers

#### Introduction

- 3.1 Geographic numbers are widely recognised and trusted by consumers. They are also the type of number in most demand by communications providers. The result in some areas is pressure on the availability of geographic numbering.
- 3.2 The March 2007 consultation explained that conservation measures are Ofcom's preferred means of ensuring that the available geographic numbering resource meets demand and helps prevent the need to create additional numbers (i.e. through number changes or additional codes). It also confirmed that Ofcom was taking a more forward looking approach to assessing number shortage by selecting areas that it believes could be at risk of exhaustion within a period of 5 years.
- 3.3 Conservation measures are already in place for geographic numbers in certain areas which have previously experienced shortage of numbers. These measures are the established means of increasing availability of geographic number blocks for allocation by reducing the unit of allocation from 10K to 1K.

## Consultation proposals for conserving geographic numbers

- 3.4 Ofcom examined the current position of all geographic area codes without conservation status and concluded that 91 areas were in need of conservation status. However, it also concluded that 59 areas required this status with immediate effect, and 32 areas would need conservation status within the next 12 months. Therefore, the March 2007 consultation proposed two options:
  - **Option 1:** Ofcom proposed to take conservation measures now on all of the 91 geographic codes areas that were at risk of exhaustion.
  - Option 2: Ofcom proposed to take conservation measures immediately on only 59 geographic area codes. The other 32 geographic area codes would be given conservation status in January 2008. This option was to ensure the continued availability of numbers in the long term but would lessen the immediate impact on communications providers' limited decode resource.

#### Responses to the consultation and Ofcom's comments

#### Responses to the consultation

- 3.5 The consultation posed two questions in relation to this issue: Question 1 Do you agree with Ofcom's proposal for the 91 geographic area codes listed in Tables 1 and 2 above to be determined as Conservation Status? Are there any codes which you think a) should not have been included in the proposal; and/or b) have been omitted? If so, please state which codes and for what reason; and Question 2: Do you think that Ofcom should make the 59 geographic area codes listed in Table 1 to be determined as Conservation Areas now and the 32 geographic area codes listed in Table 2 to be determined as Conservation Areas in January 2008?
- 3.6 In general, respondents agreed with the concept of geographic number conservation and supported such measures in areas where there is a need to enhance the

- availability of the current number resource. All but one respondent agreed with Option 1, determining all 91 geographic area codes as conservation areas.
- 3.7 Two respondents commented on the limited availability of network resource, although recognising that taking conservation measures is a preferable approach to introducing over-lay codes. It was also commented that if Communications Providers were likely to apply for multiple blocks of numbers in the same conservation area, they should be allocated from the same 10K range, and those who are likely only to require 1K numbers in the medium to long term should be placed in the same 10K block. This would minimise the amount of decode resource needed in the medium term.
- 3.8 Three respondents queried the inclusion of the Isle of Man (01624) in the conservation measures. It was felt that, in general, that the 27 available blocks was enough to sustain future demand on the Island.

#### Ofcom's comments

- 3.9 Ofcom is aware of the limited availability of network resource, and has considered carefully the proposed geographic area codes to be given conservation status.

  Ofcom concurs with the views of all respondents that it is necessary to continue to assess all areas that are running short of numbers and take measures as and when necessary. Ofcom agrees with respondents that it should determine that all 91 geographic area codes should have conservation status immediately.
- 3.10 Ofcom will continue to work with industry to ensure that the best approach is taken in the allocation process and the least impact is placed on decode resource. Ofcom will aim to adopt the suggestions made in paragraph 3.6, although it may not always be possible to know when a communications provider would be applying for more than 1 block, as allocations are made as and when required. However, consideration will be given to these issues when allocating telephone numbers.
- 3.11 Although the number of blocks allocated from the geographic area code 01624 (the Isle of Man) have remained static over the past few years, Ofcom believes, in conjunction with the Communications Commission, Isle of Man, that to preserve 6-digit dialling (from fixed and mobile lines) it is prudent to take measures now to conserve numbering. The Isle of Man currently only has one active fixed communications provider; however, the Communications Commission is keen to promote competition on the Island. Taking these measures now is believed to be necessary to ensure that a continued supply of numbers is available in the future.

# Ofcom's decisions and next steps

- 3.12 After consideration of the consultation responses, Ofcom has decided to implement its proposal to assign Conservation Status to 91 geographic area codes in the Plan (in addition to the existing 78 conservation areas).
- 3.13 In order to implement our decision, Ofcom has modified the Plan as set out at Annex 4 of this document. Ofcom considers that the modification to the Plan meet all the required legal tests in the Act, as set out in Annex 3. The modifications are the same as those on which Ofcom consulted in the Schedule to the Notification of proposals for modification to provisions of the Plan under section 60(3) of the Act (Annex 5 of the March 2007 consultation).

3.5	The restrictions in use applicable to the new Conservation Areas are effective for blocks of numbers allocated from those codes from the publication date of this statement and the simultaneous publication of the revised Plan.

#### Section 4

# Additional numbering resources for NTS

#### Introduction

- 4.1 NTS calls are calls to numbers identified in the National Telephone Numbering Plan as Special Services numbers. NTS numbers are examples of non-geographic numbers in that the number dialled does not relate to a specific geographic location, but instead relates to a particular service. At a technical level, the NTS number dialled by a caller is 'translated' by the network to a geographic number to deliver the call to its destination.
- 4.2 The March 2007 consultation explained that two of the NTS number ranges (0871 and 0844) were approaching exhaustion and demand for these numbers was expected to remain high.
- 4.3 The March 2007 consultation also explained that Ofcom anticipated higher demand this year as a consequence of the forthcoming changes to the 08 range resulting from the NTS review (http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/nts\_forward/statement/).

## Consultation proposals for additional numbering resource

- 4.4 Of com examined predicted figures for the next year and concluded that the 0871 range would be exhausted within months and the 0844 range within the next year.
- 4.5 Ofcom proposed that to meet anticipated demand it was necessary to make available new sub ranges to supplement 0871 and 0844. Ofcom proposed that 0872 and 0873 should be made available to supplement 0871 and the 0843 range to supplement 0844. It was proposed that the new number ranges should have the same designation as 0871 and 0844 respectively.
- 4.6 To ensure that the new ranges were managed efficiently and effectively, Ofcom proposed to allocate only 0872 numbers initially. 0873 numbers would only be allocated once 0872 capacity had been exhausted.

#### Responses to the consultation and Ofcom's comments

## Responses to the consultation

- 4.7 The consultation document posed the following question: Ofcom proposes to make available the 0843, 0872 and 0873 ranges to provide additional capacity to meet anticipated demand for 0844 and 0871 numbers. Question 3: Do you agree with this proposal or have an alternative proposal?
- 4.8 Respondents agreed with the need to make available new ranges to supplement 0871 and 0844.
- 4.9 One respondent stated that the time was right for Ofcom to move from 3 digit to 2 digit identities on the 08 range (e.g. to 087X rather than 0871X and 0872X). Another respondent suggested that it would be prudent to hold an additional 084X number range in reserve as back-up if the 0843X range saw an increase in demand.

#### Ofcom's comments

- 4.10 Ofcom agrees that there could be benefits to moving to a system of 2 digit identities; however this will require a separate detailed consultation covering all Special Services numbers (e.g. 08 and 09). Ofcom will be examining this issue later this year.
- 4.11 Ofcom has considered the possibility of holding an additional range as back-up to the 0843X range. However, the additional 10 million numbers should be sufficient for the foreseeable future. In addition, if there were to be a move to 2 digit identity the need for additional specific ranges might not be necessary.

## Ofcom's decisions and next steps

- 4.12 After consideration of the consultation responses, Ofcom has decided to implement its proposal to make the number ranges 0872X, 0873X and 0843X available for allocation.
- 4.13 In order to implement our decision, Ofcom has modified the Plan as set out at Annex 4 of this Statement. Ofcom considers that the modification to the Plan meets all the required legal tests in the Act, as set out in Annex 3. The modifications are the same as those on which Ofcom consulted in the Schedule to the Notification of proposals for modification to provisions of the Plan under section 60(3) of the Act (Annex 5 of the March 2007 consultation).
- 4.13 Numbers in the ranges 0872X, 0873X (initially 0872X) and 0843X are now available for immediate allocation to eligible communications providers who can demonstrate the need for such numbers.

#### Section 5

# Portsmouth, Southampton and Belfast

#### Introduction

- 5.1 Portsmouth, Southampton and Belfast geographic area codes were changed to 3 digit codes following the National Code and Number Change in 2000. At the time the ranges 023 92 were made available for Portsmouth, 023 80 for Southampton and 028 90 for Belfast.
- 5.2 The March 2007 consultation explained that during 2006 it became clear that all three areas were in need of additional numbers and Ofcom opened up the ranges 023 93 for Portsmouth, 023 81 for Southampton and 028 95 for Belfast.

# Consultation proposals for modification to the Plan

5.3 It was proposed in the consultation to modify the Plan to include these new ranges.

## Responses to the consultation and Ofcom's comments

#### Responses to the consultation

- The consultation posed the question: Question 4 Do you have any comments regarding the proposal to modify the Plan?
- 5.5 All respondents agreed with the proposal to modify the plan to include the new ranges for Portsmouth, Southampton and Belfast.
- Two respondents commented on the fact that Ofcom consulted on the modification after the codes had been made available, and another respondent suggested changing the plan to designate 023 9X for Portsmouth and 023 8X for Southampton.

## Ofcom's comments

- 5.7 Ofcom agrees that although the Plan shows the code for Portsmouth as 023 92, the code for Southampton as 023 80 and the code for Belfast as 028 90, these were the initial codes opened for allocation in those areas and additional numbers for expansion had been set aside. The use of the whole of the number ranges 023 9X for Portsmouth and 023 8X for Southampton was announced by Ofcom in its statement The National Numbering Scheme, January 1997.
- 5.8 Of com agrees that the plan should reflect accurately all number ranges available for allocation and this consultation was undertaken to address this matter.

#### Ofcom's decisions and next steps

- 5.9 After consideration of the consultation responses, Ofcom has decided to implement its proposal to modify the Plan to ensure that it accurately reflects all numbers available for allocation.
- 5.10 In order to implement our decision, Ofcom has modified the Plan as set out at Annex 4 of this document. Ofcom considers that the modifications to the Plan meet all the required legal tests in the Act, as set out in Annex 3. The modifications are the same

as those on which Ofcom consulted in the Schedule to the Notification of proposals for a modification to provisions of the Plan under section 60(3) of the Act (Annex 5 of the May 2006 consultation).

#### Section 6

# Proposed modification to Numbering Application Form S18

#### Introduction

- 6.1 RID codes are three character alphabetic codes which are used to identify the service provider who bills the end-user for the provision of an electronic communications services and is also the end-user's point of contact for any queries in relation to the service. In many cases, the retail brand recognised by the end-user and the underlying network provider are not the same and therefore the RID identifies the retail brand.
- 6.2 Communications Providers are presently required to provide a valid and active RID when placing any order types via the CPS Service Provider Gateway and/or the WLR Gateway. If the communications provider does not have a RID code their order will be rejected.

## Consultation proposals for modification to the Plan

- 6.3 The March 2007 consultation proposed that the use of RID codes should be extended to LLU.
- 6.4 Ofcom proposed modifications to the S18 application form to include WLR and LLU services to end-users.

#### Responses to the consultation and Ofcom's comments

#### Responses to the consultation

- The consultation posed the following question: Question 4: Do you have any comments on the proposed to modifications to the Application Form?
- 6.6 All respondents agreed with the proposal to modify the application form.
- 6.7 Thus proposed designating 100 RID codes as being for operators' internal use and suggested that codes AAA and ZZZ should never be allocated.
- 6.8 Cable & Wireless requested that Ofcom revisit all application forms to ensure consistency throughout the forms.

#### Ofcom's comments

- 6.9 Ofcom does not agree that RID codes are needed for internal purposes. These codes are to identify a company when it uses the CPS Service Provider Gateway and/or the WLR Gateway.
- 6.10 The code AAA is designated as the 'Default Reseller Identification Code', so will not be allocated directly to Resellers, this code is not included in the codes for allocation. The code ZZZ does form part of the available codes for allocation, however it would be last code used (there are 17,575 combinations available within AAB ZZZ).

6.11 The issue of reviewing the Application Forms to ensure consistency is outside the scope of this project, but may be considered at a later date as part of Ofcom's proposed plans to review the service descriptions contained in the National Telephone Numbering Plan.

# Ofcom's decisions and next steps

- 6.12 After consideration of the consultation responses, Ofcom has decided to modify the S18 application form.
- 6.13 Of com has simultaneously published this statement and modified the S18 application form. Therefore RID codes can now be allocated for WLR and LLU purposes.

# List of respondents to the consultation

- A1.1 Ofcom received eight submissions to the March 2007 consultation. None of the submissions were confidential. The responses are available on Ofcom's website at <a href="http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/numresource/">http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/numresource/</a>
- A1.2 The respondents to the March 2007 consultation were:

BT plc
Cable & Wireless
Cable & Wireless International
Communications Commission, Isle of Man
Global Crossing
Kingston Communications (HULL) PLC
Manx Telecom
THUS plc

# Areas to be given conservation status

A2.1 The table below lists the 91 geographic area codes proposed as conservation area status in the March 2007 consultation.

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1744   St Helens	1339	Ballater	1744	St Helens
1372 Esher 1768 Penrith	1372	Esher	1768	Penrith
1383 Dunfermline 1784 Staines	1383	Dunfermline	1784	Staines
1386 Evesham 1803 Torquay	1386	Evesham	1803	Torquay
1387 Dumfries 1823 Taunton	1387	Dumfries	1823	Taunton
1403 Horsham 1847 Thurso	1403	Horsham	1847	Thurso
1422 Halifax 1847 Tongue	1422	Halifax	1847	Tongue
1424 Hastings 1851 Great Bernera	1424	Hastings	1851	Great Bernera
1430 Market Weighton 1851 Stornaway	1430	Market Weighton	1851	Stornaway
1430 North Cave 1890 Coldstream	1430	North Cave	1890	Coldstream
1437 Haverfordwest 1890 Ayton	1437	Haverfordwest	1890	Ayton
1437 Clynderwen 1892 Tunbridge Wells	1437	Clynderwen	1892	Tunbridge Wells
1438 Stevenage 1895 Uxbridge	1438	Stevenage	1895	<u> </u>
1442 Hemel Hempstead 1903 Worthing				<u> </u>
1443 Pontypridd 1922 Walsall	1443	Pontypridd	1922	Walsall

1444	Haywards Heath	1926	Warwick
1454	Chipping Sodbury	1964	Patrington
1455	Hinckley	1964	Hornsea
1460	Chard	1975	Alford (Aberdeen)
1462	Hitchin	1975	Strathdon
1472	Grimsby	1977	Pontefract
1480	Huntingdon	1978	Wrexham
		1992	Lea Valley

# Legal framework and tests

# The legal framework

A3.1 Ofcom regulates the communications sector under the framework established by the Communications Act 2003 (the "Act"). The Act provides, amongst other things in relation to numbering, for the publication of the Plan and the setting of General Conditions of Entitlement relating to Telephone Numbers ("Numbering Conditions"). It also sets out statutory procedures governing the modification of the Plan and the giving of directions under conditions such as the Numbering Conditions.

## The Plan

A3.2 Section 56(1) of the Act states that:

"It shall be the duty of Ofcom to publish a document (to be known as "the National Telephone Numbering Plan") setting out-

- a) the numbers that they have determined to be available for allocation by them as telephone numbers;
- b) such restrictions as they consider appropriate on the adoption of numbers available for allocation in accordance with the plan; and
- c) such restrictions as they consider appropriate on the other uses to which numbers available for allocation in accordance with the plan may be put."
- A3.3 The Act provides for Ofcom to review and revise the Plan. Section 56(2) states that:

"It shall be Ofcom's duty -

- a) from time to time to review the National Telephone Numbering Plan; and
- b) to make any modification of that plan that they think fit in consequence of such a review; but this duty must be performed in compliance with the requirements, so far as applicable, of section 60."
- A3.4 Section 60 of the Act provides for the modification of documents referred to in the Numbering Conditions (which includes the Plan) and explains the procedures to be followed in order to conduct this review. Section 60(2) of the Act provides that:

"Ofcom must not revise or otherwise modify the relevant provisions unless they are satisfied that the revision or modification is -

- a) objectively justifiable in relation to the matters to which it relates;
- b) not such as to discriminate unduly against particular persons or against a particular description of persons;
- c) proportionate to what the modification is intended to achieve; and

d) in relation to what it is intended to achieve, transparent."

#### A3.5 Section 60(3) further provides that:

"Before revising or otherwise modifying the relevant provisions, Ofcom must publish a notification -

- a) stating that they are proposing to do so;
- b) specifying the Plan or other document that they are proposing to revise or modify;
- c) setting out the effect of their proposed revisions or modifications;
- d) giving their reasons for making the proposal; and
- e) specifying the period within which representations may be made to Ofcom about their proposal."

Section 45 of the Act gives Ofcom the power to set conditions:

- "(1) Ofcom shall have the power to set conditions under this section binding the persons to whom they are applied in accordance with section 46.
- (2) A condition set by Ofcom under this section must be either -
- (a) a general condition....."

Section 58 of the Act provides examples of the type of general conditions that Ofcom may set about the allocation and adoption of numbers, including procedures that apply in relation to applications for allocations of telephone numbers.

The General Conditions Notification that took effect on 25 July 2003 includes General Condition 17, which contains provisions relating to the allocation, adoption and use of telephone numbers. Clause 17.9 states that:

"When applying for an Allocation of Telephone Numbers, the Communications Providers shall:

- (a) use an appropriate application form as directed by the Director from time to time as he thinks fit:
- (b) provide such information as required by such application form."

By the virtue of the Transitional Provisions, references to the Director in the Numbering Condition should be read as reference to Ofcom.

Section 49 applies to directions and approvals that affect the operation of conditions set under section 45. Before making a change to an appropriate application form, Ofcom must satisfy the tests set out in section 49(2) of the Act as follows:

- "A person must not give, modify or withdraw the direction, approval or consent unless he is satisfied that to do so is:
- (a) objectively justifiable in relation to the matters to which it relates;
- (b) not such as to discriminate unduly against particular persons or against a particular description of person;
- (c) proportionate to what the modification is intended to achieve; and
- (d) in relation to what it is intended to achieve, transparent."

Section 49(4) further provides that:

"Before the direction, approval or consent is given, modified or withdrawn, a notification must be published –

- (a) stating that there is a proposal to give, modify or withdraw it;
- (b) identify the person whose proposal it is;
- (c) setting out the direction, approval or consent to which the proposal relate;
- (d) setting out the effect of the direction, approval or consent or of its proposed modification or withdrawal: and
- (e) specifying the period within which representation may be made about the proposal to the person whose proposal it is."

#### Ofcom's general duty as to telephone numbering functions

- A3.6 Of com has a general duty under section 63(1) of the Act in carrying out its numbering functions
  - "a) to secure that what appears to them to be the best use is made of the numbers that are appropriate for use as telephone numbers; and
  - b) to encourage efficiency and innovation for that purpose."

#### **General duties of Ofcom**

- A3.7 The principal duty of Ofcom to be observed in the carrying out of its functions is set out in section 3(1) of the Act as the duty:
  - "a) to further the interests of citizens in relation to communications matters; and
  - b) to further the interests of consumers in relevant markets, where appropriate by promoting competition."
- A3.8 As part of the fulfilment of these principal duties, it is Ofcom's responsibility to secure the availability throughout the UK of a wide range of numbering arrangements, having regard to the interests of consumers in respect to choice, price awareness, and consumer protection.

# **Duties for the purpose of fulfilling Community obligations**

- A3.9 In addition to its general duties as to telephone numbers, when considering revisions to the Plan, Ofcom must also take into account the six Community requirements in carrying out its functions as set out in section 4 of the Act. These include the requirement to promote competition in the provision of electronic communications networks and services, and the requirement not to favour one form of network, service or associated facility or one means of providing or making available such network, service or associated facility over another, as well as the requirement to promote the interests of European citizens.
- A3.10 The various legal tests and duties, and how Ofcom has complied with them in consulting on the proposals in this consultation document, are set out below.

# **Legal tests**

- A3.11 It is Ofcom's duty, when proposing a modification to the Plan and Application Forms, to show how it considers that its proposals comply with the legal tests in the Act.
- A3.12 The effect of the modification to the Plan would give conservation status to additional geographic areas and ensure that the Plan includes all new number ranges.
- A3.13 Ofcom is satisfied that the proposed modifications to provisions of the Plan and the Applications Forms meet the tests set out in sections 60(2) and 49(2) of the Act being:
  - objectively justifiable, because they will help to ensure the long-term availability
    of sufficient numbering resource to meet communication providers' requirements
    and to promote competition and consumer choice. It is also Ofcom's duty to direct
    the appropriate application form on which to apply for geographic and 08
    numbers and RID codes and these forms would need to be modified to reflect the
    changes proposed;
  - not unduly discriminatory, in that all communications providers eligible to apply for telephone numbers would be subject to the proposed modifications to the Plan and the applications forms;
  - **proportionate**, in that the proposed modification to the Plan is the minimum revision necessary to its provisions to conserve geographic numbers, make additional 08 numbers available and to bring the Plan into line with current geographic area code number availability. The modifications to the application forms are the minimum changes required to reflect the proposed changes; and
  - **transparent**, in that the Notification proposing the modifications to the Plan and the application forms, and its effects, were set out in the March consultation document allowing respondents to comment on them. These views have been taken into account in reaching the decisions set out in this Statement.
- A3.14 Of com considers that it is fulfilling its general duty as to telephone number functions as set out in section 63 of the Act in making its proposals by:
  - **securing the best use of appropriate numbers**, the proposal would ensure that optimal use was made of the most limited geographic numbering resources, thus

- ensuring that appropriate numbers are available for allocation, as well as ensuring the continued availability of NTS numbers for allocation. The proposals are consistent with the strategy set out in the Numbering Policy Review; and
- encouraging efficiency and innovation, in that the proposals ensure that sufficient and appropriate numbering resources are available to meet communication providers' demands thereby encouraging innovation. They improve efficiency in number use as they more closely align allocation to demand, thus improving utilisation rates.
- A3.15 Ofcom considers that its proposals to modify the Plan and the application forms are consistent with its general duties in carrying out its functions as set out in section 3 of the Act. In particular, it considers that the proposals further the interests of citizens in relation to communications matters and consumers in relevant markets by ensuring that the supply of telephone numbers is maintained.
- A3.16 In proposing the modifications to the Plan and the application forms, Ofcom has also considered the Community obligations set out in section 4 of the Act, particularly the requirement to promote the interests of all persons who are citizens of the European Union. Taking measures to conserve geographic numbers benefits citizens as they make more efficient use of the limited resource, thus offsetting the need for more disruptive measures to ensure availability, such as number changes.

# Modification to the provisions of the Plan under section 56(2) of the Act

## Modification to Appendix A of the Plan under section 56(2) of the Act

#### Whereas -

- A) section 56(2) of the Act provides that it shall be Ofcom's duty from time to time to review the Plan and make such revisions that they think fit, provided such revisions are made in accordance with section 60 of the Act:
- B) section 60 of the Act applies whereby General Condition17 is a numbering condition for the time being having effect by reference to provisions of the Plan;
- C) by virtue of the Transitional Provisions, references to the Director in General Condition 17 should be read as references to Ofcom;
- D) Ofcom issued a notification pursuant to section 60(3) of the Act of a proposal to make a modification to Part A of the Plan on 6 March 2007 ('the Notification');
- E) for the reasons set out in the statement accompanying this modification Ofcom are satisfied that, in accordance with section 60(2) of the Act, this modification is:
  - objectively justifiable in relation to the matters to which it relates:
  - not such as to discriminate unduly against particular persons or against a particular description of persons;
  - proportionate to what the Modification is intended to achieve; and
  - in relation to what it is intended to achieve, transparent;
- F) for the reasons set out in the statement accompanying this modification Ofcom are satisfied that they acted in accordance with the relevant duties set out in sections 3, 4 and 63 of the Act:
- G) a copy of the Notification was sent to the Secretary of State;
- H) in the Notification and accompanying consultation document Ofcom invited representations about any of the proposals therein by 5 April 2007;
- l) by virtue of section 60(5) of the Act, Ofcom may give effect to the proposal set out in the Notification, with or without modification, only if-
  - i. they have considered every representation about the proposal that is made to them within the period specified in the notification; and
  - ii. they have had regard to every international obligation of the United Kingdom (if any) which has been notified to them for this purpose by the Secretary of State:
- J) Ofcom received responses to the Notification and have considered every such representation made to them in respect of the proposals set out in the Notification and accompanying consultation document and the Secretary of State has not notified Ofcom of any international obligation of the United Kingdom for this purpose;
- K) In considering whether to make the modification proposed in the Notification Ofcom

have complied with all relevant requirements set out in section 60 of the Act.

# NOW, THEREFORE, OFCOM, PURSUANT TO SECTION 56(2), HEREBY MAKES THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS-

1. Ofcom in accordance with section 56(2) of the Act hereby makes the following modifications to the Plan to take effect on the date of publication of this notification: a) In Appendix A of the Plan, the following modifications in respect of Conservation Area status and assignment shall be made:

#### **Schedule**

The following Geographic Code areas shall be added to Appendix A of the Plan -

Area Code	Geographic Area name	Conservation Status	Area Code	Geographic Area name	Conservation Status
1227	Canterbury	Υ	1506	Bathgate	Υ
1228	Carlisle	Υ	1509	Loughborough	Υ
1229	Barrow-in-Furness	Υ	1522	Lincoln	Υ
1229	Millom	Υ	1527	Redditch	Υ
1233	Ashford	Υ	1536	Kettering	Υ
1236	Coatbridge	Υ	1539	Kendal	Υ
1242	Cheltenham	Υ	1543	Cannock	Υ
1243	Chichester	Υ	1562	Kidderminster	Υ
1246	Chesterfield	Υ	1592	Kirkcaldy	Υ
1270	Crewe	Υ	1606	Northwich	Υ
1275	Clevedon	Υ	1622	Maidstone	Υ
1277	Brentwood	Υ	1623	Mansfield	Υ
1278	Bridgewater	Υ	1624	Isle of Man	Υ
1279	Bishops Stortford	Υ	1625	Macclesfield	Υ
1282	Burnley	Υ	1628	Maidenhead	Υ
1283	Burton-on-Trent	Υ	1634	Medway	Υ
1296	Aylesbury	Υ	1686	Newtown	Υ
1298	Buxton	Υ	1686	Llanidloes	Υ
1322	Dartford	Υ	1727	St Albans	Υ
1323	Eastbourne	Υ	1732	Sevenoaks	Υ
1324	Falkirk	Υ	1737	Redhill	Υ
1325	Darlington	Υ	1738	Perth	Υ
1339	Aboyne	Υ	1743	Shrewsbury	Υ
1339	Ballater	Υ	1744	St Helens	Υ
1372	Esher	Υ	1768	Penrith	Υ
1383	Dunfermline	Υ	1784	Staines	Υ
1386	Evesham	Υ	1803	Torquay	Υ
1387	Dumfries	Υ	1823	Taunton	Υ
1403	Horsham	Υ	1847	Thurso	Υ
1422	Halifax	Υ	1847	Tongue	Υ
1424	Hastings	Υ	1851	Great Bernera	Υ
1430	Market Weighton	Υ	1851	Stornaway	Υ
1430	North Cave	Υ	1890	Coldstream	Υ

1437	Haverfordwest	Y	1890	Ayton	Υ
1437	Clynderwen	Υ	1892	Tunbridge Wells	Υ
1438	Stevenage	Υ	1895	Uxbridge	Υ
1442	Hemel Hempstead	Υ	1903	Worthing	Υ
1443	Pontypridd	Υ	1922	Walsall	Υ
1444	Haywards Heath	Υ	1926	Warwick	Υ
1454	Chipping Sodbury	Υ	1964	Patrington	Υ
1455	Hinckley	Υ	1964	Hornsea	Υ
1460	Chard	Υ	1975	Alford (Aberdeen)	Υ
1462	Hitchin	Υ	1975	Strathdon	Υ
1472	Grimsby	Υ	1977	Pontefract	Υ
1480	Huntingdon	Υ	1978	Wrexham	Υ
			1992	Lea Valley	Υ

The following changes shall be added to the table "A1: Public Telephone Network Numbers" in Part A of the Plan.

0843 and 0844	Special Services basic rate: charged at up to and including 5p per minute or per call for BT Customers, set by Terminating Communications Provider inclusive of value added tax (the price charged by other Originating Communications Providers may vary.
0871, 0872 and 0873	Special Services higher rate: charged at up to and including 10p per minute or per call for BT Customers, set by Terminating Communications Provider inclusive of value added tax (the price charged by other Originating Communications Providers may vary.

The following changes shall be made to Appendix A of the Plan.

Area Code	Geographic Area name	Conservation Status
023	Southampton (8X)	
	Portsmouth (9X)	
028	Belfast (90 and 95)	

# Modification to the application forms under section 49(4) of the Act

# Direction under paragraph 17.9 of the Condition

#### WHEREAS-

- A. paragraph 17.9(a) of the Condition provides that when applying for an Allocation or reservation of Telephone Numbers, the Communications Provider shall use an appropriate application form as directed by the Director from time to time as he thinks fit;
- **B.** by virtue of the Transitional Provisions, references to the Director in General Condition 17 should be read as references to Ofcom.
- **C.** for the reasons set out in the Statement accompanying this Direction Ofcom are satisfied that the application form in the Annex to this Direction is appropriate for use by Communications Providers when applying for an Allocation or reservation of Telephone Numbers:
- **D.** for the reasons set out in the Statement accompanying this Direction Ofcom are satisfied that, in accordance with section 49(2) of the Act, this Direction is:

objectively justifiable in relation to the networks, services, facilities, apparatus or directories to which it relates:

not such as to discriminate unduly against particular persons or against a particular description of persons;

proportionate to what it is intended to achieve; and

in relation to what it is intended to achieve, transparent.

- **E.** for the reasons set out in the Statement accompanying this Direction Ofcom are satisfied that they have acted in accordance with the relevant duties set out in sections 3 and 4 of the Act;
- **F.** a notification of a proposal to give this Direction was given under section 49(4) of the Act on 6 March 2007 (the 'Notification');
- **G**. a copy of the Notification was sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 50(1)(b) of the Act;
- **H.** in the Notification and accompanying consultation document Ofcom invited representations about any of the proposals therein by 5pm 5 April 2007;
- **I.** by virtue of section 49(9) of the Act, Ofcom may give effect to the proposal set out in the Notification, with or without Modification, only if
  - i. they have considered every representation about the proposal that is made to them within the period specified in the notification; and

- ii. they have had regard to every international obligation of the United Kingdom (if any) which has been notified to them for this purpose by the Secretary of State;
- iii. Ofcom received responses to the Notification and have considered every such representation made to them in respect of the proposals set out in the Notification and accompanying consultation document and the Secretary of State has not notified Ofcom of any international obligation of the United Kingdom for this purpose;
- **K.** In considering whether to make the modification proposed in the Notification Ofcom have complied with all relevant requirements set out in section 49 of the Act;

# NOW, THEREFORE, OFCOM PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 17.9(a) OF THE CONDITION, HEREBY DIRECT THAT-

 Ofcom in accordance with Condition 17.9(a) hereby direct that for the time being the application form in the Annex to this Direction shall be used by Communications Providers when applying for an Allocation of Telephone Numbers starting '08' for Special Services.

In this Direction-

'the Act' means the Communications Act 2003;

'Allocation' shall have the same meaning as in the Condition;

'Communications Provider' shall have the same meaning as in the Condition:

'the Condition' means General Condition 17 of the General Conditions of Entitlement set by the Director on 22 July 2003 pursuant to section 45 of the Act by way of publication of a Notification pursuant to section 48(1) of the Act;

'the Director' means the Director-General of Telecommunications as appointed under section 1 of the Telecommunications Act 1984;

'Ofcom' means the Office of Communications;

'Telephone Number' shall have the same meaning as in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule to the Notification published by the Director on 22 July 2003 under section 48(1) of the Act;

'Transitional Provisions' means sections 408 and 411 of the Act, the Communications Act 2003 (Commencement No.1) Order 2003 and the Office of Communications Act 2002 (Commencement No.3) and Communications Act 2003 (Commencement No.2) Order 2003.

- 3. Except in so far as the context otherwise requires, words or expressions shall have the meaning assigned to them. Otherwise, any word or expression shall have the same meaning as it has
  - i. in the National Telephone Numbering Plan published by Ofcom on 6 September 2004 pursuant to section 56 of the Act;
  - ii. if, and only if, it has no meaning ascribed as mentioned in (i) above, and only if the

context so permits, in the Condition (entitled 'Allocation, Adoption and Use of Telephone Numbers') in Part 2 of the Schedule to the Notification published by the Director on 22 July 2003 under section 48(1) of the Act;

iii. if, and only if, it has no meaning ascribed as mentioned in (i) and (ii) above, and only if the context so permits, in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule to the Notification published by the Director on 22 July 2003 under section 48(1) of the Act; and

iv. if, and only if, it has no meaning ascribed as mentioned in (i), (ii) and (iii) above, and only if the context so permits, in the Act.

- 4. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply as if this Direction were an Act of Parliament.
- 5. Headings and titles shall be disregarded.
- 6. This direction takes effect on the date it is published.

Signed by Neil Buckley

Competition Policy Director

A person authorised on behalf of Ofcom under paragraph 18 of the Schedule to the Office of Communications Act 2003

3 May 2007

# Annex to Direction Form S1



# GEOGRAPHIC NUMBERING APPLICATION

#### **Definitions and Interpretation**

- 1. Except in so far as the context otherwise requires, words or expressions shall have the meaning assigned to them. Otherwise, any word or expression shall have the same meaning as it has
  - i) in the National Telephone Numbering Plan published by Ofcom from time to time pursuant to section 56 of the Communications Act 2003 (the 'Act');
  - ii) if, and only if, it has no meaning ascribed as mentioned in (i) above, and only if the context so permits, in General Condition 17 (entitled 'Allocation, Adoption and Use of Telephone Numbers') in Part 2 of the Schedule to the Notification published by the Director on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2003 under section 48(1) of the Act;
  - liii) if, and only if, it has no meaning ascribed as mentioned in (i) and (ii) above, and only if the context so permits, in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule to the Notification published by the Director on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2003 under section 48(1) of the Act; and
  - iv) if, and only if, it has no meaning ascribed as mentioned in (i), (ii) and (iii) above, and only if the context so permits, in the Act.
- 2. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply as if this Application Form were an Act of Parliament.

(Applicants should ensure that all sections have been completed where relevant – incomplete Application Forms may not be processed within the 3-week deadline).

Your reference (optional):	

2. Applicant details and date of application:

Your name, company name, address, direct telephone, direct fax, direct e-mail, mobile.

(Where you are acting on behalf of a Communications Provider (eg a consultant, solicitor, etc), and if you have not previously supplied one, you should enclose a letter from that Communications Provider confirming that you are authorised to represent it).

Date of application:

3. Communications Provider details:

If different from 2. above (eg where you are a consultant, solicitor, etc), provide the name and address of the Communications Provider on behalf of whom you are applying for Telephone Numbers.

4. Declaration of 'Public Electronic Communications Network' or 'Public Electronic Communications Service'

The information requested in Annex A helps Ofcom to assess your eligibility to be Allocated Telephone Numbers.

If you are a provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network:

confirm whether you have previously supplied the information requested in Annex A (or information equivalent to it), to Ofcom's Numbering Unit; or

if not, you <u>must</u> complete in full all relevant questions in Annex

A and submit it along with this form.

If you have previously supplied the information in Annex A, then move onto the next question – you do not need to submit Annex A with this form.

If you are a provider of Public Electronic Communications

(For providers of Public Electronic Communications Networks, please Ensure you <u>have</u> previously supplied the information requested, before you confirm this – your application may be rejected if this is not the case).

Services:	
you MUST complete all relevant questions in Annex A each time you apply for Telephone Numbers and submit it with this form.	

#### 5. Telephone Numbers required:

In the table below, you should give a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of number block for each Geographic Area Code applied for in case the block(s) you have selected are not available at the time the application is processed. Each block you select should be, where possible, from an 'open decade' i.e. a range of 10 blocks starting with the same number e.g. 2X, where at least 2 of the blocks are shown as 'Allocated'. A maximum of 10 blocks should be entered on this Application Form. A new Form S1 should be completed for further blocks.

		Name of Geographic Area? e.g. Preston, Glasgow, etc.	Code - first 4 digits after initial '0' e.g. 1772 (Preston), 1412 (Glasgow), etc. (SABC)	Next 2 digits of number e.g. 34 (DE)	<sup>1</sup> Next digit of number (F digit/s) – Only for Conservation Areas	What is the name, and the National Signalling Point Code of the switch on which the number block will be situated? (NSPC required ONLY for Interconnection switches)	Planned 'In- Service' Date  (N.B. applications should not be submitted more than 6 months prior to in-service date)	Forecast of expected Adoption in 1st 12 months  (%)	Forecast of expected Adoption in 2 <sup>nd</sup> 12 months  (% cumulative)
1 <sup>st</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	Middlesbrough	1642	22	5	Middlesbrough3, 15678	early Dec 2007	55	25
I BIOCK	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	Middlesbrough	1642	22 /	6	Middlesbrough3, 15678	early Dec 2007	55	25
2 <sup>nd</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	Preston	1772	34	2, 4, and 7	Preston1, 12763	mid Oct 2007	20	50
2 DIOCK	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	Preston	1772	65	2, 4, and 7	Preston1, 12763	mid Oct 2007	20	50
3 <sup>rd</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	Glasgow	1412	81 /		Glasgow2, 16743	end Nov 2007	48	21
3 DIUCK	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	Glasgow	1415	30		Glasgow2, 16743	end Nov 2007	48	21
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1 <sup>st</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice								
I DIOCK	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice								
2 <sup>nd</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice								
Z BIOCK	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice								
ard Diagra	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice								
3 <sup>rd</sup> Block	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice								

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For Conservation areas, you should select the F-digit/s of the 1000 number blocks you require i.e. for each 1000 numbers required you should state the first digit of each 1000 numbers. Please refer to the National Telephone Numbering Plan for full details of Conservation Areas. Standard areas are allocated in units of 10000 but shall only be used in units of 1000. F-digits 0, 1 and 9 are generally used for Telephone Numbers assigned to residential customers. Applicants should select F-digits 0, 1 and 9 where residential numbers are required, leaving the other F-digits: 2-8 for business numbers.

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		Name of Geographic Area? e.g. Preston, Glasgow, etc.	Code – first 4 digits after initial '0' e.g. 1772 (Preston), 1412 (Glasgow), etc.	Next 2 digits of number e.g. 34	<sup>1</sup> Next digit of number (F digit/s) – Only for Conservatio n Areas	What is the name, and the National Signalling Point Code of the switch on which the number block will be situated?  (Point Code required ONLY for	Planned 'In- Service' Date  (N.B. applications should not be submitted more than 6 months prior to in- service date)	Forecast of expected Adoption in 1st 12 months	Forecast of expected Adoption in 2 <sup>nd</sup> 12 months
			(SABC)	(DE)	(, )	Interconnection switches)	corrido dato;	(%)	(% cumulative)
4 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice					,			
4 DIUCK	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice								
5 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice								
3 DIOCK	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice								
6 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice								
6 DIOCK	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice								
zth Dissis	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice								
7 <sup>th</sup> Block	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice								
8 <sup>th</sup> Block	1St Chains								
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice								
9 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice								
	Z <sup>m</sup> Choice								
10 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice								
Block	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice								

#### 6. Service and Market

For each of the number blocks applied for above, give a brief description of the type of Public Electronic Communications Service for which the Telephone Numbers applied for will be Adopted, and the market to be served by the service e.g. DDI for business customers in Preston, calling-card services for customers in Glasgow, etc.

# 7. Adoption of existing Telephone Number blocks:

For each of the number blocks applied for above, you should provide details, in the table below, of any other number blocks with the same Geographic Area Code, that are currently on the same switch/processor – consistent with its duty in the Communications Act 2003 to secure best use of numbers Ofcom requires a justification for applying for another number block on a switch where there may be non-utilised numbers.

If any blocks applied for are for a new switch i.e. it is the first block of that Geographic Area Code on the switch, you should state this below and you do not have to complete the table for that block.

Name of	Name, and the	Geogra	nhic	Next digit of	Total Numbers	Total Numbers
Geographic	National	Area Code		number -	Allocated to	not in use, but
Area				011111	End-Users: ie, in	contracted out
	Signalling Point	and next 2		ONLY for blocks Allocated at 1k	use or ported	
	Code of the	digits of		(1000 number)	out	
e.g. Preston,	switch	number		level (F)	(Numbers or %)	
London, etc.	(NSPC required				(**************************************	(Numbers or %)
	ONLY for					(**************************************
	Interconnection	(SABC)	(DE)			
	switches)					
Middlesbrough	Middlesbrough3,	1642	34	4	66%	20%
wilddiesbrough	15678	1042	34	4	00 /6	2076
	Middlesbrough3,					
Middlesbrough	15678	1642	36		82%	5%
		1	1			
Preston	Preston1, 12763	1772 /	24/	6	85%	5%
Preston	Preston1, 12763	1772	28/		87.5%	2%
Glasgow	Glasgow2, 16743	1412	54		89%	3%
Glasgow	Glasgow2, 16743	1415	64		55%	15%

# Form S1 - Annex A

#### A1. Confirmation of Status:

Ofcom generally only Allocates Telephone Numbers to providers of Public Electronic Communications Networks.

Ofcom may also Allocate numbers, where number resource implications do not preclude allocation, to providers of a Public Electronic Communications Service. Ofcom would also normally expect to see that the provider has arrangements in place for its service to be carried over a network, and, where appropriate, would usually expect the provider to have taken reasonable steps to seek a sub-allocation of Telephone Numbers of the type applied for prior to making the application.

Providers of Public Electronic Communications Networks

Ofcom needs certain information from you in order to determine whether or not you are a provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network. You will only need to provide this information with your first application.

Please provide details of:

a) the Electronic Communications Network on which the Telephone Numbers applied for are intended to be Adopted;

(a diagram may be useful to assist Ofcom in assessing your eligibility for Telephone Numbers)

the Electronic Communications Service which you are intending to provide over that network.

Providers of Public Electronic Communications Services

In order to determine whether or not you are a provider of a Public Electronic Communications Service, Ofcom needs certain information from you. Please provide details of:

c) the Electronic Communications Service which you are intending to provide with the Telephone Numbers applied for. Please also provide details of the network on which the numbers you are applying for will be Adopted.

# A2. <u>Applications from providers of Public Electronic</u> Communications Services

If you are applying for Telephone Numbers as a provider of Public Electronic Communications Services, where appropriate Ofcom would usually expect your company to have already taken reasonable steps to obtain a suballocation of Telephone Numbers of the type you are applying for from a provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network.

- a) Have you taken steps to obtain a sub-allocation of Telephone Numbers of the type for which you are applying? If not, would you please provide a justification for that; and
- b) If you have taken steps, would you provide a brief description/explanation of the steps you have taken, and state why did you not obtain a sub-allocation?

## A3. Interconnection arrangements

Describe your Interconnection arrangements (or those of the provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network on whose network the Telephone Numbers applied for would be Adopted), if any, with other Communications Providers – a simple network diagram may be useful.

(You should e-mail this application form to <a href="mailto:numbering.applications@ofcom.org.uk">numbering.applications@ofcom.org.uk</a>)



Service Type:	Number range starting:	Number block size:
	0800 XXXX	1000
Freephone Numbers	080 80XX to 080 87XX	10,000
Special Services basic rate: up to and including 5p for BT customers (non- internet)	0843 and 0844 2XX to 0844 9XX	10,000
Special Services basic rate: BT's Standard Local Call Retail Price for BT customers	0845 XXX	10,000
Special Services higher rate: up to and including 10p for BT customers (non-internet)	0871 2XX to 0871 9XX, 0872 xxx and 0873 XXX	10,000
Special Services higher rate: BT's Standard National Call Retail Price for BT customers	0870 XXX	10,000
Internet Services Free to Caller	0808 90XX	1000
Internet Services Free to Caller – Flat Rate Internet Access Call Origination (FRIACO) product	0808 99XX	1000
Internet Services incorporating un-metered access up to and including 5p for BT customers	0844 04XX	1000
Non 'BT Discount Scheme' - Internet Services incorporating un-metered access up to and including 5p for BT customers	0844 00XX	1000
Internet Services metered access up to and including 5ppm for BT customers	0844 09XX	1000
Non 'BT Discount Scheme' - Internet Services metered access up to and including 5ppm for BT customers	0844 05XX	1000
Internet Services incorporating un-metered access up to and including 10p for BT customers	0871 04XX	1000
Non 'BT Discount Scheme' - Internet Services incorporating un-metered access up to and including 10p for BT customers	0871 01XX	1000
Internet Services metered access up to and including 10ppm for BT customers	0871 09XX	1000
Non 'BT Discount Scheme' - Internet Services metered access up to and including 10ppm for BT customers	0871 05XX	1000
Internet for Schools (1 block required per Service Provider)	0820 XXXX	10,000
Inbound Routing Codes	08993 XX to 08999 XX	10,000

#### **Definitions and Interpretation**

- 1. Except in so far as the context otherwise requires, words or expressions shall have the meaning assigned to them. Otherwise, any word or expression shall have the same meaning as it has
  - i) in the National Telephone Numbering Plan published by the Director on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2003 pursuant to section 56 of the Communications Act 2003 (the 'Act');
  - ii) if, and only if, it has no meaning ascribed as mentioned in (i) above, and only if the context so permits, in General Condition 17 (entitled 'Allocation, Adoption and Use of Telephone Numbers') in Part 2 of the Schedule to the Notification published by the Director on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2003 under section 48(1) of the Act;
  - iii) if, and only if, it has no meaning ascribed as mentioned in (i) and (ii) above, and only if the context so permits, in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule to the Notification published by the Director on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2003 under section 48(1) of the Act; and
  - iv) if, and only if, it has no meaning ascribed as mentioned in (i), (ii) and (iii) above, and only if the context so permits, in the Act.
- 2. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply as if this Application Form were an Act of Parliament.
- 3. FRIACO (Flat Rate Internet Access Call Origination) means the provision of Flat Rate Internet Access Call Origination via a wholesale unmetered internet access product.

(Applicants should ensure that all sections have been completed where relevant – incomplete Application Forms may not be processed within the 3-week deadline).

Your reference (optional):	
Applicant details and date of application:     Your name, company name, address, direct telephone, direct fax, direct e-mail, mobile.  (Where you are acting on behalf of a Communications)	
Provider (eg a consultant, solicitor, etc), and if you have not previously supplied one, you should enclose a letter from that Communications Provider confirming that you are authorised to represent it).	Date of application:
3. Communications Provider details:  If different from 2. above (eg where you are a consultant, solicitor, etc), provide the name and address of the Communications Provider on behalf of whom you are applying for Telephone Numbers.	

4. Declaration of 'Public Electronic Communications Network' or 'Public Electronic Communications Service'

The information requested in Annex A helps Ofcom to assess your eligibility to be allocated Telephone Numbers.

If you are a provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network:

confirm whether you have previously supplied the information requested in Annex A (or information equivalent to it), to Ofcom's Numbering Unit; or

if not, you <u>must</u> complete in full all relevant questions in Annex A and submit it along with this form.

If you have previously supplied the information in Annex A, then move onto the next question – you do not need to submit Annex A with this form.

If you are a provider of Public Electronic Communications Services:

you MUST complete all relevant questions in Annex A each time you apply for Telephone Numbers and submit it with this form.

(For providers of Public Electronic Communications Networks, please ensure you <u>have</u> previously supplied the information requested, before you confirm this – your application may be rejected if this is not the case).

#### 5. Telephone Numbers required:

When completing the table below, you should give a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice for each type of Telephone Number block applied for in case the block you've applied for is not available at the time the application is processed;

where applying for 0844 and 0871 (non-internet) blocks, select those within the appropriate tariff as indicated on the web site. If there are no available blocks, you should indicate this below alongside the tariff you require (note that from a certain date – of which Ofcom will advise you – tariffs for 0844 numbers will no longer appear on the web site but you will still need to indicate the tariff you intend to use for BT customers for these blocks). The Numbering Unit will open a new range and then contact you; and

i) ensure that a maximum of 15 blocks are entered on this Application Form. A new Form S8 should be completed for further blocks.

		Number block Type? e.g. Freephone, Internet Freephone, BT Standard Local Call Retail Price, BT Standard National Call Retail Price, Internet FRIACO, etc. (state which)	Code - first 4 digits after initial '0' e.g 8004 - Freephone, 8456 - BT Standard Local Call Retail Price, etc. (SABC)	Next 2 digits of number e.g. 34	Next digit of number (F digit) only required for blocks that are issued in blocks of 1000 numbers – see top of Form	Tariff for each number block (including VAT): for 0844 and 0871 (non-internet) blocks show tariff (to nearest 1p for BT customers) from those tariffs on web site	Confirm if BT Discount Scheme or Non 'BT Discount Scheme' will apply to block (where relevant)  (see Oftel Direction)	Planned 'In-Service' Date (applications should not be submitted more than 6 months prior to in-service date)	expected Adoption in 1 <sup>st</sup>	Forecast of expected Adoption in 2nd 12 months (% cumulative)
e.g. 1 <sup>st</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	Freephone	8006	21	3	free to caller		mid Oct 2003	20	80
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	Freephone	8005	36	2	free to caller		mid Oct 2003	20	80
e.g. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	Internet Freephone	8089	02	2	free to caller		beg. Sep 2003	40	100
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	Internet Freephone	8089	05	5	free to caller		beg. Sep 2003	40 /	100
e.g. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	Up to and including 10p for BT customers (Non-Internet)	8442	34		4ppm	Non 'BT Discount Scheme'	end Nov 2003	15	90
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	Up to and including 10p for BT customers (Non-Internet)	8443	33		4ppm	Non 'BT Discount Scheme'	end Nov 2003	15	90
1 <sup>st</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice									
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice									
2 <sup>nd</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice									
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice									
3 <sup>rd</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice									
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice									
4 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice									
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice									
5 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice									
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice									

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		Number block Type?  e.g. Freephone, Internet Freephone, BT Standard Local Call Retail Price, BT Standard National Call Retail Price, Internet FRIACO, etc.  (state which)	Code - first 4 digits after initial '0' e.g 8004 - Freephone, 8456 – BT Standard Local Call Retail Price, etc.	number e.g. 34	Next digit of number (F digit) only required for blocks that are issued in blocks of 1000 numbers – see top of Form	Tariff for each number block (including VAT):  for 0844 and 0871 (non-internet) blocks show tariff (to nearest 1p for BT customers) from those tariffs on web site	Confirm if BT Discount Scheme or Non 'BT Discount Scheme' will apply to block (where relevant) (see Oftel Direction)	(applications should not be submitted more than 6 months prior to in-service		Forecast of expected Adoption in 2nd 12 months
6 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice		(SABC)	(DE)	(F)				(%)	(% cumulative)
6 BIOCK	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice									
7 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice									
7 DIOCK	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice									
8 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice									
O BIOOK	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice									
9 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice									
<u> </u>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice									
10 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice									
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice									
11 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice									
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice									
12 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice									
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice									
13 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice									
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice									
14 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice									
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice									
15 <sup>th</sup> Block	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice									
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice									

#### 6. Service and Market:

For each of the Telephone Number blocks applied for above, give a brief description of the type of Public Electronic Communications Service for which the Telephone Numbers applied for will be Adopted, and the market to be served by the service e.g. calling-card for UK customers, e-fax, internet access, etc.

## 7. Adoption of existing Telephone Number blocks:

For each type of Telephone Number block applied for above, you should provide details, in the table below, of any other number blocks in the same category (and at the same tariff – where relevant) that you have been allocated to date - consistent with its duty in the Communications Act 2003 to secure best use of numbers Ofcom requires a justification for applying for further numbering capacity where there may be non-utilised numbers.

Number block Type?  e.g. Freephone, Internet Freephone, BT Standard Local Call Retail Price, BT Standard National Call Retail Price, Internet FRIACO, etc. (state which)	Code – first 6 or 7 digits after initial '0' – show as SABC DE F  (see top of Form for number of digits to specify)  (SABC) (DE) (F)			Tariff for BT customers (only needs to be entered for 0844 and 0871 (noninternet) blocks	Confirm if BT Discount Scheme or Non 'BT Discount Scheme' applies to the block (where relevant)(see Oftel Direction)	Total Numbers Allocated to End Users: ie, in use or ported out (Numbers or %)	Total Numbers not in use but contract ed out  (Number s or %)
Freephone	8005	28	6			942	8
Internet Services metered access up to and including 5p for BT customers	8440	95	4			860	35
Special Services up to and including 10p for BT customers (non-internet)	8446	23		4ppm	Non 'BT Discour Scheme'	6540	2050
Local Rate	8459	56				7560	180

(You should e-mail this application form to <u>numbering.applications@ofcom.org.uk</u>)

# Form S8 - Annex A

#### A1. Confirmation of Status:

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Providers of Public Electronic Communications Networks

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Please provide details of:

a) the Electronic Communications Network on which the Telephone Numbers applied for are intended to be Adopted;

(a diagram may be useful to assist Ofcom in assessing your eligibility for Telephone Numbers)

the Electronic Communications Service which you are intending to provide over that network.

Providers of Public Electronic Communications Services

In order to determine whether or not you are a provider of a Public Electronic Communications Service, Ofcom needs certain information from you. Please provide details of:

c) the Electronic Communications Service which you are intending to provide with the Telephone Numbers applied for. Please also provide details of the network on which the numbers you are applying for will be Adopted.

# A2. <u>Applications from providers of Public</u> Electronic Communications Services

If you are applying for Telephone Numbers as a provider of Public Electronic Communications Services, where appropriate Ofcom would usually expect your company to have already taken reasonable steps to obtain a suballocation of Telephone Numbers of the type you are applying for from a provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network.

- a) Have you taken steps to obtain a sub-allocation of Telephone Numbers of the type for which you are applying? If not, would you please provide a justification for that; and
- b) If you have taken steps, would you provide a brief description/explanation of the steps you have taken, and state why did you not obtain a sub-allocation?

## A3. Interconnection arrangements

Describe your Interconnection arrangements (or those of the provider of a Public Electronic Communications Network on whose network the Telephone Numbers applied for would be Adopted), if any, with other Communications Providers – a simple network diagram may be useful.

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# Form S18



# RESELLER IDENTIFICATION ("RID") CODE APPLICATION

Reseller Identification ("RID") Codes are three character alphabetic codes that are used to provide information to the Communications Providers and End-users about which person is providing Carrier Pre-Selection ("CPS"), Wholesale Line Rental ("WLR") or Local Loop Unbundling ("LLU") to End-users.

The RID will be included in the electronic order for CPS, WLR or LLU as appropriate. RIDs are allocated from the range 'AAB' to 'ZZZ' (i.e. there are 17,575 combinations).

#### **Definitions and Interpretation**

- 1. Except in so far as the context otherwise requires, words or expressions shall have the meaning assigned to them. Otherwise, any word or expression shall have the same meaning as it has
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  - iii) if, and only if, it has no meaning ascribed as mentioned in (i) and (ii) above, and only if the context so permits, in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule to the Notification published by the Director on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2003 under section 48(1) of the Act: and
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- 3. FRIACO (Flat Rate Internet Access Call Origination) means the provision of Flat Rate Internet Access Call Origination via a wholesale unmetered internet access product.

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