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1. Purpose of determination

This determination specifies certain values for **Enable**, **Northpower Fibre** and **Tuatahi** as required under the **Act** and the **IM determination**, which are explained in *Local Fibre Companies' initial information disclosure regulatory asset bases as at 1 January 2022 – Final Decision: Reasons Paper*, as published on 29 June 2023.

2. <u>Interpretation</u>

- 2.1 In this determination, a word which denotes the singular also denotes the plural and vice versa.
- 2.2 In this determination, the words of phrases in bold type bear the following meanings:
 - 2.2.1 Act means the Telecommunications Act 2001;
 - 2.2.2 **core fibre asset** has the meaning given in the **IM determination**;
 - 2.2.3 **disclosure year** means:
 - 2.2.3.1. for **Enable**, the 12-month period ending on 30 June 2022; and
 - 2.2.3.2. for **Northpower Fibre** and **Tuatahi**, the 12-month period `ending on 31 March 2022;
 - 2.2.4 **Enable** means Enable Networks Limited or any subsidiary of, or successor to, that company;
 - 2.2.5 **fibre asset** has the meaning given in the **IM determination**;
 - 2.2.6 **financial loss asset** has the meaning given in the **IM determination**;
 - 2.2.7 **financial losses** has the meaning given in the **IM determination**;
 - 2.2.8 **ID RAB** has the meaning given in the **IM determination**;
 - 2.2.9 **IM determination** means the *Fibre Input Methodologies Determination* 2020 [2020] NZCC 21, including any amendment in effect at the time this determination is made;
 - 2.2.10 implementation date has the same meaning as defined in s 5 of the Act;
 - 2.2.11 **initial RAB value** has the meaning given in the **IM determination**;
 - 2.2.12 **input methodology** has the meaning given in s 164(1) of the **Act**;
 - 2.2.13 **Northpower Fibre** means Northpower Fibre Limited or any subsidiary of, or successor to, that company;
 - 2.2.14 **Tuatahi** means Tuatahi First Fibre Limited or any subsidiary of, or successor to, that company; and
 - 2.2.15 **unallocated initial RAB value** has the meaning given in the **IM determination**.

3. Applicable input methodologies

- 3.1 The **input methodologies** that apply to this determination are those specified in:
 - 3.1.1 clause 2.2.3(1)-(2) of the **IM determination**;

- 3.1.2 clause 2.2.4(1) of the **IM determination**;
- 3.1.3 clause 2.3.3(3)(a)(ii-iv) of the **IM determination**;
- 3.1.4 clause B1.1.2(1) of Schedule B of the IM determination; and
- 3.1.5 clause B1.1.2(2) of Schedule B of the **IM determination**.

4. <u>Specification of certain values for Enable</u>

- 4.1 For the purpose of clause 2.2.3(1) of the **IM determination**, the sum of all unallocated initial RAB values of Enable's core fibre assets as at the implementation date is \$588.176m.
- 4.2 For the purpose of clause 2.2.3(2) of the **IM determination**, the sum of all **initial RAB values** in respect of **Enable's core fibre assets** in the **ID RAB** as at the **implementation date** is \$499.426m.
- 4.3 For the purpose of s 177(2) of the **Act**, **Enable's financial losses** are -\$88.749m.
- 4.4 For the purpose of clause 2.2.4(1) of the **IM determination**, the **initial RAB value** of **Enable's financial loss asset** in the **ID RAB** as at the **implementation date** is \$88.749m.
- 4.5 For the purposes of clause 2.2.3(2) and 2.2.4(1) of the **IM determination**, the sum of all **initial RAB values** in respect of **Enable's fibre assets** in the **ID RAB** as at the **implementation date** is \$588.176m.
- 4.6 For the purpose of clause 2.3.3(3)(a)(ii) of the **IM determination**, the 'opening tax losses' for **disclosure year** 2022 in respect of **Enable** are \$0m.

5. <u>Specification of certain values for Northpower Fibre</u>

- 5.1 For the purpose of clause 2.2.3(1) of the **IM determination**, the sum of all **unallocated initial RAB values** of **Northpower Fibre's core fibre assets** as at the **implementation date** is \$85.249m.
- 5.2 For the purpose of clause 2.2.3(2) of the **IM determination**, the sum of all **initial RAB values** in respect of **Northpower Fibre's core fibre assets** in the **ID RAB** as at the **implementation date** is \$72.959m.
- 5.3 For the purpose of s 177(2) of the **Act, Northpower Fibre's financial losses** are -\$12.290m.
- 5.4 For the purpose of clause 2.2.4(1) of the **IM determination**, the **initial RAB value** of **Northpower Fibre's financial loss asset** in the **ID RAB** as at the **implementation date** is \$12.290m.
- 5.5 For the purposes of clause 2.2.3(2) and 2.2.4(1) of the **IM determination**, the sum of all **initial RAB values** in respect of **Northpower Fibre's fibre assets** in the **ID RAB** as at the **implementation date** is \$85.249m.
- 5.6 For the purpose of clause 2.3.3(3)(a)(iii) of the **IM determination**, the 'opening tax losses' for **disclosure year** 2022 in respect of **Northpower Fibre** are -\$9.445m.

6. <u>Specification of certain values for Tuatahi</u>

- 6.1 For the purpose of clause 2.2.3(1) of the **IM determination**, the sum of all unallocated initial RAB values of Tuatahi's core fibre assets as at the implementation date is \$675.259m.
- 6.2 For the purpose of clause 2.2.3(2) of the **IM determination**, the sum of all **initial RAB values** in respect of **Tuatahi's core fibre assets** in the **ID RAB** as at the **implementation date** is \$539.230m.
- 6.3 For the purpose of s 177(2) of the **Act, Tuatahi's financial losses** are -\$136.030m.
- 6.4 For the purpose of clause 2.2.4(1) of the **IM determination**, the **initial RAB value** of **Tuatahi's financial loss asset** in the **ID RAB** as at the **implementation date** is \$136.030m.
- 6.5 For the purposes of clause 2.2.3(2) and 2.2.4(1) of the **IM determination**, the sum of all **initial RAB values** in respect of **Tuatahi's fibre assets** in the **ID RAB** as at the **implementation date** is \$675.259m.
- 6.6 For the purpose of clause 2.3.3(3)(a)(iv) of the **IM determination**, the 'opening tax losses' for **disclosure year** 2022 in respect of **Tuatahi** are \$0m.