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Determination of Chorus' individual capex allowance for customer incentives 2023

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1. <u>Purpose of determination</u>

1.1 For the purposes of clauses 3.7.1(1)(c) and 3.7.28 of the **IM determination**, this determination specifies Chorus' **individual capex allowance** for **customer incentives** for **regulatory year** 2023.

2. Commencement

2.1 This determination comes into force on 13 day of December 2022.

3. Application

3.1 This determination applies to **Chorus** for **regulatory year** 2023.

4. Interpretation

- 4.1 In this determination, unless stated otherwise—
 - 4.1.1 terms that are defined in the **Act** but not in this determination have the same meanings as in the **Act**;
 - 4.1.2 terms that are defined in the **IM determination** but not in this determination have the same meanings as in the **IM determination**;
 - 4.1.3 any reference to a period of time is interpreted in accordance with s 54 of the Legislation Act 2019;
 - 4.1.4 any reference to legislation includes a reference to that legislation as amended, consolidated, or substituted;
 - 4.1.5 any reference to terms from legislation in this determination has the meaning given in the applicable legislation at the time it is applied;
 - 4.1.6 any reference to "includes" means "includes, but is not limited to"; and
 - 4.1.7 a word which denotes the singular also denotes the plural and vice versa.
- 4.2 In this determination, words or phrases in bold type have the following meanings:

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Act means the Telecommunications Act 2001;

access seeker has the same meaning as defined in s 5 of the Act;

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Chorus has the meaning given in the **IM**

determination;

customer incentive means a payment made by Chorus to an

access seeker to:

(a) incentivise the acquisition of new customers to its **fibre network**; or

(b) incentivise existing customers to upgrade to new services;

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fibre network has the same meaning as defined in s 5 of the

Act;

IM determination means the *Fibre Input Methodologies*

Determination 2020 [2020] NZCC 21, including

any amendment in effect at the time this

determination is made;

individual capex allowance has the meaning given in the IM

determination;

input methodology has the same meaning as defined in s 164 of

the Act; and

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regulatory year has the meaning given in the IM

determination.

5. Applicable input methodologies

5.1 The **input methodologies** that apply to this determination are those specified in Subparts 7-8 of the **IM determination**.

- 6. <u>Determination of an individual capex allowance</u>
 - 6.1 For the purpose of clauses 3.7.1(1)(c) and 3.7.28(1)(a) of the **IM**determination, Chorus may recover no more than \$12.5m in regulatory year
 2023 for customer incentives.