

**STANDARD TERMS DETERMINATION FOR  
CHORUS' UNBUNDLED COPPER LOW  
FREQUENCY SERVICE**

**UCLF GENERAL TERMS  
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

This document:

- is part of the standard terms determination made by the Commission under section 30M of the Act in relation to Chorus' unbundled copper low frequency service which is a service that comes into force on Separation Day ; and
- sets out the terms on which Chorus must make its unbundled copper low frequency service available to Access Seekers.

## Structure of the UCLF Terms

These UCLF Terms are made up of:

- **UCLF General Terms**  
*Sets out the general rights and obligations of Chorus and Access Seekers for Chorus' unbundled copper low frequency service.*
- **Schedules to the UCLF General Terms**

Schedule 1	<b>UCLF Service Description</b> <i>Describes the service that Chorus must make available to Access Seekers under the standard terms determination.</i>
Schedule 2	<b>UCLF Price List</b> <i>Lists the charges for all of the services that Chorus will make available to Access Seekers under the standard terms determination.</i>
Schedule 3	<b>UCLF Service Level Terms</b> <i>Specifies performance levels regarding some of the services that Chorus will make available to Access Seekers under the standard terms determination.</i>
Schedule 4	<b>UCLF Operations Manual</b> <i>Sets out in detail the operational procedures for supplying all of the services that Chorus will make available to Access Seekers under the standard terms determination.</i>
Schedule 5	<b>Interference Management Plan</b> <i>Establishes performance requirements which systems must meet to be operated on Chorus's unbundled copper low frequency service.</i>

These UCLF Terms, including up to date versions of those parts of the terms which may be changed, are available from the Commission ([www.comcom.govt.nz](http://www.comcom.govt.nz)) and Chorus (publicly available website).

## UCLF GENERAL TERMS

### 1 Definitions

1.1 Except where expressly provided otherwise, in the UCLF Terms:

<b>Access Date</b>	has the meaning given in clause 4.2.
<b>Access Seeker</b>	means an access seeker under the Act that has made a Request.
<b>Access Seeker Equipment</b>	means any equipment of the Access Seeker in a Exchange pursuant to the UCLF Terms
<b>Access Seeker's Network</b>	means the telecommunication system whether fixed, mobile or wireless from time to time of the Access Seeker which the Access Seeker uses to provide services including all transmission media, equipment and related support systems but excluding anything on Chorus' side of the Demarcation Point between the Access Seeker's Network and Chorus' Network. For the purposes of this definition, Access Seeker includes every Related Company of the Access Seeker.
<b>Act</b>	means the Telecommunications Act 2001.
<b>Bank</b>	means any body registered as a registered bank under section 69 of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 1989.
<b>Bill Rate</b>	means the average 90 day bank bill mid rate as quoted on Reuters Screen page BKBM or the equivalent page replacing page BKBM (known at the date of these terms as the FRA rate) at or about 10.45 am on the relevant date or, if at that time page BKBM or the equivalent replacement page is not available, the last rate quoted on that page before it became unavailable.
<b>Cabinet</b>	means a Chorus owned, leased or licensed structure that is not an Exchange and at which Chorus copper local loops connect to a distribution frame.
<b>Charge or Charges</b>	means all or (as the context requires) any amounts payable by the Access Seeker under the UCLF Terms.
<b>Chorus</b>	in the case of structural separation means the company that was structurally separated from Telecom on <b>Separation Day</b>
<b>Chorus Owned Equipment</b>	means any Chorus owned, leased or licensed equipment provided to the Access Seeker by Chorus for use as part of the UCLF Service.
<b>Chorus' Network</b>	means the telecommunication system whether fixed, mobile or wireless from time to time of Chorus which Chorus uses to provide services including all transmission media, equipment and related support systems but excluding Chorus Owned Equipment or anything on the Access Seeker's side of the

Demarcation Point between Chorus' Network and the Access Seeker's Network. For the purposes of this definition, Chorus includes every Related Company of Chorus.

<b>Chorus Systems</b>	means any operational and business support systems, including those used by Chorus, for the ordering, supply, provisioning and fault maintenance of services, whether or not owned or controlled by Chorus, including OO&T and OFM, and any functionalities of such systems, that are provided to the Access Seeker under the UCLF Terms.
<b>Commission</b>	means the Commerce Commission in the course of performing its functions under the Act.
<b>Customer</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) in relation to the Access Seeker, a person who has a contractual relationship with the Access Seeker for the supply of services, the provision of which relies in whole or in part on the UCLF Service; and</li><li>(b) in relation to Chorus, means an Other Service Provider who has a contractual relationship with Chorus for the supply of services or to whom Chorus is supplying services pursuant to any law or regulation.</li></ul>
<b>Deadlock</b>	has the meaning given in clause 38.4.
<b>Default</b>	means any failure or refusal or inability by either the Access Seeker or Chorus to meet any of its obligations under the UCLF Terms.
<b>Default Notice</b>	has the meaning given in clause 35.1.
<b>Demarcation Point</b>	means the handover distribution point described in section 4 of the UCLF Service Description.
<b>Dispute</b>	has the meaning given in clause 38.1.
<b>Dispute Notice</b>	has the meaning given in clause 38.2.
<b>Distribution Cabinet</b>	means a Cabinet that is equipped with power and other support services, in respect of which, when equipment is installed in the cabinet and/or associated pedestal, DSL services are able to be provided to one or more End Users.
<b>DSL</b>	means Digital Subscriber Line.
<b>End User</b>	means a person who is the ultimate recipient of the UCLF Service (or of another service the provision of which relies in whole or in part on the UCLF Service).

<b>Exchange</b>	means a Chorus owned or leased building, or leased or licensed area within a building with a floor area of at least 15 square metres and a main distribution frame terminating copper local loop of at least 200 pairs connected to End-User premises, the primary function of which is to provide fixed wire line telecommunications services, and includes all of the Chorus owned, leased or licensed property on which the building is situated.
<b>Exchange Entry Point</b>	means any point reasonably specified by Chorus for entry of Access Seeker's Remote Tie Cables into an Exchange, including from the Exchange Manhole into the Exchange using the Exchange access ducts, and any other entry point agreed between Chorus and an Access Seeker.
<b>Exchange Manhole</b>	means the congregation point for all ducts and cables that enter the Exchange that is reasonably specified by Chorus, most commonly a manhole on the property on which the Exchange is located.
<b>Force Majeure Event</b>	has the meaning given in clause 21 of the General Terms.
<b>Implementation Plan</b>	means the implementation plan that forms part of the UCLF Standard Terms Determination.
<b>Indirect Damages</b>	means any liability resulting from or arising under or in connection with the UCLF Terms (whether based in contract, tort, statute or otherwise) for:  (a) indirect, incidental or consequential economic loss or damage; or  (b) loss of profit, loss of revenue, loss of production, loss of income, loss of business, loss of anticipated savings, loss of entitlement to special damages and loss of opportunity.
<b>Intellectual Property</b>	means any patent, copyright, design, trade name, trademark, service mark or other intellectual property right (whether registered or not) including ideas, concepts, know-how, techniques, designs, specifications, drawings, blueprints, tracings, diagrams, models and other information relating to any such intellectual property.
<b>Interference Management Plan</b>	means the plan set out in schedule 5.
<b>Intra-Exchange Tie Cable</b>	means a tie cable running from the MDF in the relevant Exchange to the Access Seeker's co-location footprint within the Exchange.
<b>Local Loop Network</b>	has the same meaning as set out in the Act.
<b>Network</b>	means, as the context requires, Chorus' Network or Access Seeker's Network.
<b>Non-Payment Notice</b>	has the meaning given in clause 16.1.



<b>Non-urban Exchange</b>	means any Exchange other than an Exchange listed in Appendix 1 of the UCLF Price List.
<b>Notice</b>	means a notice in writing provided in accordance with section 45.
<b>OFM</b>	means any online faults management system as used by Chorus and Access Seekers, as updated from time to time.
<b>OO&amp;T</b>	means any online ordering and tracking system as used by Chorus and Access Seekers, as updated from time to time.
<b>Other Service Provider</b>	means a provider of telecommunications services other than the Access Seeker or Chorus.
<b>Party</b>	means (as the context requires) Chorus or the Access Seeker and Parties means both Chorus and the Access Seeker.
<b>Performance Penalty</b>	has the same meaning as given in the UCLF Service Level Terms.
<b>Planned Outage</b>	has the meaning given in clause 23.2.
<b>POTS</b>	means Plain Old Telephone Service
<b>Related Company</b>	has the meaning set out in section 2(3) of the Companies Act 1993.
<b>Remote Tie Cable</b>	means a copper tie cable running from the MDF in the relevant Exchange to a point outside and adjacent to the Exchange Entry Point.
<b>Request</b>	means a request in writing pursuant to section 30S(1) of the Act which Chorus receives from an Access Seeker to make the UCLF Service available on the UCLF Terms.
<b>Separation Day</b>	means the day on which Telecom Corporation of New Zealand Limited distributes 100% of the ordinary shares it holds in Chorus (a limited liability company including any of its subsidiaries) in accordance with the demerger arrangement and the Telecommunications (TSO, Broadband, and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2011.
<b>Sub-loop UCLL Service</b>	means Chorus' sub-loop unbundled copper local loop network service as described in the Sub-loop UCLL Service Description set out in schedule 1 to Service Appendix 1 in the Sub-loop Services Standard Terms Determination made under section 30M of the Act by the Commission on 18 June 2009.
<b>Suspend and Suspension</b>	includes:  (a) to restrict or otherwise withdraw the right to use the UCLF Service or any part of the UCLF Service; and  (b) to refuse any order for the UCLF Service.

<b>UBA General Terms</b>	means the terms as set out in the General Terms of the UBA Standard Terms Determination.
<b>UBA Service</b>	means Chorus' unbundled bitstream access service (without the POTS ) as described in Schedule 1 to the UBA General Terms of the UBA Standard Terms Determination.
<b>UBA Standard Terms Determination</b>	means the standard terms determination dated 12 November 2007 made by the Commission under section 30M of the Act in relation to Chorus' unbundled bitstream access service, including the Commission's decision report and the UBA Terms.
<b>UBA Terms</b>	means, together, the UBA General Terms and all the schedules to the UBA General Terms as described in the first page of the UBA General Terms.
<b>UCLF Price List</b>	means the list set out in schedule 2.
<b>UCLF Service</b>	means Chorus' unbundled copper low frequency network service as described in the UCLF Service Description or (as the context requires) any part of that service.
<b>UCLF Service Description</b>	means the description set out in schedule 1.
<b>UCLF Service Level Terms</b>	means the terms as set out in schedule 3.
<b>UCLF Standard Terms Determination</b>	means the standard terms determination made by the Commission under section 30M of the Act in relation to Chorus' unbundled copper low frequency network service, including the Commission's decision report, the Implementation Plan and the UCLF Terms.
<b>UCLL and UCLF Co-location Standard Terms Determination</b>	means the standard terms determination made by the Commission under section 30M of the Act in relation to the UCLL and the UCLF Co-location Service including the Commission's decision report, the Implementation Plan and the UCLL and UCLF Co-location Terms.
<b>UCLF Terms</b>	means, together, the UCLF General Terms and all the schedules to the UCLF General Terms as described in the first page of these UCLF General Terms.
<b>UCLF Service</b>	means Chorus' unbundled copper low frequency network service as described in the UCLF Service Description or (as the context requires) any part of that service.
<b>UCLL General Terms</b>	means the terms as set out in the General Terms of the UCLL Standard Terms Determination.
<b>UCLL Service</b>	means Chorus' unbundled copper local loop network service as described in the UCLL Service Description in the UCLL STD or (as the context requires) any part of that service.
<b>UCLL STD</b>	means the standard terms determination made by the Commission under section 30M of the Act in relation to Chorus' unbundled copper local loop network service, including the Commission's decision report, the

Implementation Plan and the UCLL Terms.

<b>Unplanned Outage</b>	has the meaning given in clause 23.4.
<b>Urban Exchange</b>	means an Exchange that is listed in Appendix 1 of the UCLF Price List.
<b>Working Day</b>	means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in any province relevant to the provision of the UCLF Service.

## 2 Guiding principles

- 2.1 The UCLF Standard Terms Determination applies to the UCLF Service which is a service that comes into force on Separation Day.
- 2.2 The UCLF Standard Terms Determination is designed to meet the purposes set out in the Act, and in particular, section 18 of the Act. The UCLF Terms are to be interpreted in light of the Commission's decision report and the purposes.
- 2.3 The Parties must:
- 2.3.1 carry out their obligations under the UCLF Terms in good faith and in furtherance of those purposes; and
  - 2.3.2 ensure that they and their employees, subcontractors and agents do all things reasonably necessary, including executing any additional documents or instruments, to give full effect to the UCLF Terms.
- 2.4 The standard access principles under clause 5 of schedule 1 to the Act apply to the UCLF Service and all of Chorus' obligations under the UCLF Terms are subject to the limits on the application of those principles under the Act.

## 3 Interpretation

- 3.1 In interpreting the UCLF Terms:
- 3.1.1 clause and section headings are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation;
  - 3.1.2 a word which denotes the singular also denotes the plural and vice versa;
  - 3.1.3 words denoting natural persons include any legal entity or association of entities and vice versa;
  - 3.1.4 all currency references are to New Zealand dollars and all amounts payable are payable in New Zealand dollars;
  - 3.1.5 the words 'include' and 'including' are to be construed without limitation;
  - 3.1.6 except where the UCLF Terms expressly provide otherwise, reference to a statute or regulation means that statute or regulation as amended or re-enacted and includes subordinate legislation;

3.1.7 except where the UCLF Terms expressly provide otherwise, references to months are to calendar months; and

3.1.8 except where the UCLF Terms expressly provide otherwise, reference to a document (including any technical manual or user guide) means that document as amended from time to time.

3.2 In interpreting the UCLF Terms references to clauses or sections are references to clauses or sections in the applicable UCLF Terms unless expressly provided otherwise. Sections are identified by a single number (for instance 'this section 2') and clauses by a composite number (for instance 'this clause 2.2').

## **4 Request to access the UCLF Service**

4.1 Chorus must comply with a Request by making the UCLF Service available to the Access Seeker in accordance with the UCLF Terms unless section 30S(2) of the Act applies.

4.2 From the date Chorus receives the Access Seeker's Request (**Access Date**), the Access Seeker and Chorus must comply with the UCLF Terms.

4.3 For the avoidance of doubt, if section 30S(3) of the Act applies, Chorus must also comply with the applicable residual terms determination.

4.4 A request for access to the UCLF Service cannot be made by the Access Seeker before Separation Day.

## **5 Application of the UCLF Terms**

5.1 The UCLF Terms are all of the terms on which Chorus will make the UCLF Service available to the Access Seeker.

5.2 The Access Seeker's rights under the UCLF Terms cannot be duplicated by making a subsequent Request. If Chorus becomes entitled to Suspend or terminate supply of the UCLF Service to the Access Seeker, any further supply of the UCLF Service under the UCLF Terms is limited to the existing rights and obligations of the Access Seeker and Chorus under the UCLF Terms at that time.

5.3 Termination of supply of the UCLF Service or the UCLF Terms coming to an end does not relieve the Access Seeker or Chorus of any rights or obligations under the UCLF Terms which have accrued beforehand.

## **6 Prerequisites to the UCLF Service being made available**

6.1 Despite section 4, Chorus has no obligation to make the UCLF Service available to the Access Seeker unless the prerequisites in this section 6 are satisfied at all times. For the avoidance of doubt, if the prerequisites in this section 6 are not satisfied and if provision of the UCLF Service to the Access Seeker has commenced, then Chorus' sole remedy shall be to exercise any rights to Suspend in accordance with clause 36.7.2.

### **Security requirements**

6.2 The Access Seeker must provide to Chorus :

- 6.2.1 evidence reasonably satisfactory to Chorus that the Access Seeker has a long term credit rating for its senior unsecured indebtedness of at least A3 (Moody's Investor Services), A- (Standard and Poor's Ratings Group) or B+ (AM Best); or
- 6.2.2 if such evidence cannot be provided, the Access Seeker must provide to Chorus the Access Seeker's choice of an unconditional:
- (a) Bank guarantee;
  - (b) letter of credit;
  - (c) cash prepayment;
  - (d) guarantee from the parent company of the Access Seeker if:
    - (i) that parent company has a credit rating which is in accordance with Clause 6.2.1; and
    - (ii) where the parent company is not a "company" registered under Part II of the Companies Act 1993, Chorus has approved that company as a guarantor (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); or
  - (e) other security agreed by Chorus in writing,

**(Security).**

- 6.3 The Security must be in a form reasonably acceptable to Chorus and, in the case of a Bank guarantee or a letter of credit, from a Bank which has a credit rating acceptable to Chorus, acting reasonably. The Security must be for:

6.3.1 \$100,000; or

6.3.2 an amount equal to Chorus' reasonable estimate of the total value of Charges for the UCLF Service Chorus is likely to supply to the Access Seeker under the UCLF Terms during any two consecutive month period,

whichever is the greater.

- 6.4 Every six months after the Access Date, if either the Access Seeker or Chorus requests, the amount of the Security must be adjusted. The adjusted Security must meet the same requirements as any Security under clause 6.3 and be for:

6.4.1 \$100,000; or

6.4.2 an amount equal to the total value of Charges under the UCLF Terms over the two month period immediately preceding the date any request under clause 6.4 is made,

whichever is the greater.

- 6.5 If the adjusted Security amount is an increase, the Access Seeker must, within 20 Working Days after that adjustment date, provide replacement or additional Security that is equal to the new Security amount. If the adjusted Security amount is a decrease, the Access Seeker may cause the Security to be reduced accordingly.

**Operational requirements**

- 6.6 The Access Seeker must comply with every applicable prerequisite under the UCLF Operations Manual.

## GENERAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

### 7 General

#### Supply of the UCLF Service

- 7.1 Upon the UCLF Service being made available under section 4, Chorus will, subject to the UCLF Terms, supply the UCLF Service to the Access Seeker and the Access Seeker may order the UCLF Service in accordance with the process and procedures under the UCLF Operations Manual.

#### Chorus' relationship with Customers and End Users of the Access Seeker

- 7.2 No obligation or other legal relationship is created between Chorus and any Customer or End User of the Access Seeker by the UCLF Terms. The UCLF Terms do not provide, grant or confer any right, benefit or privilege on any Customer or End User of the Access Seeker.

#### Rights not excluded

- 7.3 Nothing in the UCLF Terms excludes or limits the Commission's, an Access Seeker's or Chorus' right to enforce the UCLF Terms or exercise any other rights under the Act.

#### Amendment

- 7.4 The UCLF Terms may be amended by the Commission under the Act including by:

- 7.4.1 a review under section 30R;
- 7.4.2 a residual terms determination under section 30ZB;
- 7.4.3 a pricing review determination under section 51
- 7.4.4 a clarification under section 58; and
- 7.4.5 a reconsideration under section 59.

#### Work that Chorus is responsible for performing

- 7.5 Notwithstanding any other provision in the UCLF Terms, Chorus, in relation only to the UCLF Service, is responsible for performing all work (including identification of all routes) and/or install all cables within the Exchange in Chorus ducts, within the Exchange Manhole, within the Exchange Entry Point and between the Exchange Manhole and the Exchange Entry Point (where those two points are different).

### 8 The schedules to the UCLF General Terms

#### Compliance

- 8.1 The Access Seeker and Chorus must comply with each of the schedules to the UCLF General Terms.
- 8.2 If there is a conflict between the UCLF General Terms and the schedules to the UCLF General Terms, the UCLF General Terms will prevail except where expressly provided otherwise.

#### Technical manuals and user guides

- 8.3 The UCLF Operations Manual and the Interference Management Plan refer to various technical manuals, published international standards and user guides which are listed on Chorus' website ([www.chorus.co.nz](http://www.chorus.co.nz)) with reference to the UCLF Standard Terms Determination. They contain technical and procedural detail. Where changes are made to the technical manuals, international

standards and user guides that consequently alter the UCLF Terms, these changes will be made under the change mechanisms set out in section 9 or section 46 as applicable. Such reference to the technical manuals, international standards and user guides is necessary for both the Access Seeker and Chorus so that:

- 8.3.1 uniform standards of best practice are set;
  - 8.3.2 the performance of the Local Loop Network can be maintained;
  - 8.3.3 the health and safety of the Access Seeker's and Chorus' employees, contractors and other agents can be protected;
  - 8.3.4 systems are in place for the management of outages, faults and any work the Access Seeker or Chorus needs to undertake on or around the Local Loop Network or any Exchange; and
  - 8.3.5 the Access Seeker's and Chorus' employees, contractors and other agents have access to uniform technical instructions.
- 8.4 The Access Seeker and Chorus are required to comply with any technical and procedural detail contained in a technical manual, international standard or user guide referred to in the UCLF Operations Manual or the Interference Management Plan to the extent that they create an obligation to do so.
- 8.5 The technical manuals, international standards and user guides referred to in the UCLF Operations Manual or the Interference Management Plan may have other unrelated uses and contain terms irrelevant to the UCLF Terms.
- 8.6 To the extent that the UCLF Operations Manual or Interference Management Plan create any obligation to comply with a technical manual, international standard or user guide, the Access Seeker and Chorus must:
- 8.6.1 apply the technical manual, international standard or user guide under the UCLF Terms in good faith;
  - 8.6.2 interpret the technical manual, international standard or user guide consistently with the UCLF Terms; and
  - 8.6.3 comply with the technical and/or procedural detail the technical manual, international standard or user guide contains.
- 8.7 Subject to clause 8.3, Chorus may amend, change, remove, or replace the technical manuals and user guides where reasonably necessary and not inconsistent with the standard access principles contained in the Act. Chorus must make reasonable efforts to notify parties at least 20 Working Days prior to amending, changing, removing, or replacing a technical manual or user guide.

## **9 Change mechanism for UCLF Operations Manual and UCLF Service Level Terms**

- 9.1 Any proposed change to the UCLF Operations Manual and UCLF Service Level Terms must be approved by the Commission under this section 9.

### **Notice of change**

- 9.2 Any Access Seeker may give Notice to Chorus proposing a change to the UCLF Operations Manual or the UCLF Service Level Terms. Chorus has 10 Working Days from the date it receives such Notice to provide comments on the proposed change to the Access Seeker. After the Access

Seeker has received Chorus' comments or after the 10 Working Days (which ever is earliest), the Access Seeker may either withdraw the proposed change or elect to proceed with it by giving Notice to Chorus . Chorus must notify the proposed change in accordance with clause 9.3 within five Working Days of receiving Notice from the Access Seeker that it elects to proceed.

- 9.3 Where any Access Seeker has elected to proceed with a proposed change under clause 10.2 or where Chorus proposes a change to the UCLF Operations Manual or the UCLF Service Level Terms, Chorus must notify the Commission and all Access Seekers by email and by publishing the proposed change on a Chorus website accessible by the Commission and all Access Seekers.
- 9.4 Chorus and all Access Seekers have 10 Working Days to object to any proposed change from the date such change is notified under clause 9.3. If:
- 9.4.1 no written objection is received by Chorus within the 10 Working Days; and
- 9.4.2 Chorus does not object within the 10 Working Days by notifying all Access Seekers by email and by publishing such objection on a Chorus website accessible by all Access Seekers,

Chorus must submit the proposed change to the Commission for approval under clause 9.14.

### Objections to change

- 9.5 If any Access Seeker or Chorus objects to a proposed change under clause 9.4, Chorus and all Access Seekers have 20 Working Days from the date Notice of the proposed change was given under clause 9.3 to negotiate and agree the proposed change. Negotiation will take place through the Telecommunications Carriers' Forum and will be administered by a Telecommunications Carriers' Forum administrator. Chorus will provide the administrator with a list of all Access Seekers. The administrator will administer the voting process and will confirm in writing the outcome to Chorus and the Access Seekers. If, despite any objection, the proposed change is agreed by 75% or more of a vote of all Access Seekers and Chorus (where the 75% must include Chorus ), Chorus must submit the proposed change to the Commission for approval under clause 9.14.
- 9.6 If the proposed change is not agreed by a vote under clause 9.5, the proposed change may be referred to an independent recommendation maker at the request of the party that proposed the change. The independent recommendation maker must be agreed by Chorus and every Access Seeker that indicates it wishes to be a party to the decision (**the parties to the decision**). If the parties to the decision cannot agree, an independent recommendation maker will be appointed by the Chair of the Telecommunications Carrier's Forum.
- 9.7 To be eligible for appointment, the independent recommendation maker must be impartial, experienced in the relevant area of telecommunications and will preferably be experienced in dispute resolution. Unless the parties to the decision agree, the independent recommendation maker must not have performed any duties, whether as an employee, consultant or contractor, for any of the parties to the decision or any related person during a six month period prior to the date the proposed change was voted on.
- 9.8 The independent recommendation maker must act as an expert and not as an Arbitrator under the Arbitration Act 1996. The independent recommendation maker will be entitled to rely on their own judgement and opinion.
- 9.9 The independent recommendation maker may seek independent legal advice regarding the appropriate procedures for reaching a decision.
- 9.10 The independent recommendation maker should seek to make decisions that are timely, practical, efficient, and take into account the Act, in particular the relevant standard access principles under the Act. The independent recommendation maker must inform all Access Seekers and Chorus of



his or her recommendation as to the proposed change and Chorus must submit the proposed change to the Commission for approval under clause 9.14.

- 9.11 If the proposed change is accepted by the independent recommendation maker, the independent recommendation maker's costs are to be met by the parties to the decision that opposed the change. If the proposed change is rejected by the independent recommendation maker, the independent recommendation maker's costs are to be met by the party to the decision that proposed the change.

#### **Other reviews**

- 9.12 In addition to any change proposed under clause 9.2:
- 9.12.1 Chorus must review the UCLF Operations Manual every 24 months (with the first review commencing on the second anniversary of the UCLF Standard Terms Determination being made); and
- 9.12.2 Chorus may review the UCLF Operations Manual at any time at its discretion, including where any Access Seeker makes a request for an earlier review and Chorus agrees.

#### **Referral to the Commission**

- 9.13 Any changes Chorus determines to be necessary or desirable as a result of a review under clause 9.12 must be proposed using the change process under this section 9.
- 9.14 Chorus must submit any proposed change to the Commission with:
- 9.14.1 an updated version of the of the UCLF Operations Manual or UCLF Service Level Terms (as the case may be) containing the proposed change;
- 9.14.2 the reasons for the proposed change; and
- 9.14.3 information on which Parties agree or disagree with the proposed change;

and the Commission will advise whether a proposed change is approved or not within 10 Working Days of receipt of that proposed change, unless otherwise agreed between the Commission and the Parties.

#### **Notice of approval of proposal**

- 9.15 If the proposed change is approved by the Commission, Chorus must give Notice to all Access Seekers of when the change takes effect together with providing an updated version of the UCLF Operations Manual or the UCLF Service Level Terms (as the case may be) containing the change.
- 9.16 For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this section 9 prevents the Access Seeker or Chorus from seeking any remedies or exercising any other rights available to it under the Act.

## **THE ACCESS SEEKER'S RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

### **10 General**

- 10.1 Whenever Chorus supplies the UCLF Service to the Access Seeker, the Access Seeker will:
- 10.1.1 follow Chorus' reasonable directions about the use of the UCLF Service which Chorus reasonably believes are:
- (a) in the interests of health and safety;

- (b) necessary to ensure the quality of service to Chorus' Customers, the Access Seeker's Customers or any Other Service Provider's customers; or
    - (c) necessary to prevent a risk to persons and property;
  - 10.1.2 use all reasonable endeavours to provide such information as Chorus may reasonably require in order for Chorus to perform its obligations under the UCLF Terms;
  - 10.1.3 use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that information disclosed is correct and complete to the best of the Access Seeker's knowledge at the time of provision of the information;
  - 10.1.4 use the UCLF Service for lawful purposes, in accordance with all applicable laws and without being a nuisance to anyone;
  - 10.1.5 never interfere with the reasonable use of any service by any Customer of Chorus or any customer of an Other Service Provider;
  - 10.1.6 where required under the UCLF Terms, use all reasonable endeavours to obtain any third party authorisation, licence or consent necessary or prudent for Chorus to supply the UCLF Service to the Access Seeker (other than authorisations, licences or consents required generally by Chorus to operate Chorus' Network);
  - 10.1.7 where reasonably requested by Chorus , provide reasonable assistance to Chorus in obtaining any third party authorisation, licence or consent necessary or prudent for Chorus to supply the UCLF Service to the Access Seeker (other than authorisations, licences or consents required generally by Chorus to operate Chorus' Network); and
  - 10.1.8 except where the law requires otherwise, only use the UCLF Service in ways that are contemplated by the UCLF Terms.
- 10.2 The Access Seeker must use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that there is included in:
  - 10.2.1 each contract it has with a Customer for the provision of services which rely, in whole or in part, on the UCLF Service; and
  - 10.2.2 where the Customer in clause 10.2.1 is an Other Service Provider, each contract that the Other Service Provider has with a customer for the provision of services which rely, in whole or in part, on the UCLF Service;

a provision which excludes (to the maximum extent permitted by law) all liability of Chorus arising from or in connection with the services which rely, in whole or in part, on the UCLF Service, at least to the same extent as provided to the Access Seeker.
- 10.3 The Access Seeker must use all reasonable endeavours to include in each contract with End-Users (whether they are the Access Seekers End-Users or the End-User of an Other Service Provider who is a Customer of the Access Seeker) for a service which relies in whole or in part on the UCLF Service:
  - 10.3.1 a provision which requires the End-User to acknowledge that certain equipment and lines installed on their property and used for the provision of services to the End-User are the property of the Access Seeker, Chorus, or a third party, and are not fixtures, and may be removed without recourse to legal proceedings;
  - 10.3.2 a provision under which the End-User waives any rights, title, or interest in the property of the Access Seeker, Chorus, or a third party installed on their property;

- 10.3.3 notice to the End-User that Chorus may require access to the End-User's premises in order to provide the services and that, if such access is denied, there may be interruptions to, or disconnection of, the services.
- 10.4 The Access Seeker must indemnify Chorus from any claims for damages made by the End-User, except where such claims arise from loss or damage to personal property caused by Chorus or an agent or contractor of Chorus.
- 10.5 To the extent the Access Seeker is unable to obtain the provisions of 11.3 in its contract with an End-User, the Access Seeker must, subject to the limitations in clauses 18.1 and 18.2, indemnify Chorus for and against any loss of, damage to, or interference with, Chorus Equipment caused by that End User that is used in the provision of the UCLF Service

## **11 The Access Seeker's responsibility for Customers and End Users**

- 11.1 The Access Seeker will, independently of Chorus, manage all aspects of its relationship with its Customers and End Users, including being responsible for:
- 11.1.1 customer service and enquiries;
  - 11.1.2 product information, service, fault reporting and technical issues;
  - 11.1.3 contact with the police and other government authorities; and
  - 11.1.4 invoicing and settlement.

## **12 Not used**

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## **CHARGES, PAYMENT, NON-PAYMENT AND INVOICE ERROR DISPUTES**

### **13 Charging principles**

- 13.1 The Access Seeker must pay all Charges for supply of the UCLF Service to the Access Seeker under the UCLF Terms, regardless of who uses the UCLF Service. The Charges payable are set out in the UCLF Price List and fixed in accordance with the UCLF Terms.
- 13.2 The Access Seeker must pay GST in accordance with the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985 on all Charges. All Charges are expressed before the addition of GST, except any Charge expressly stated in writing by Chorus to be GST inclusive.
- 13.3 Except as expressly provided under the UCLF Terms:
- 13.3.1 Charges for the UCLF Service are payable for the period beginning on the date the UCLF Service (or the relevant part of it) is capable of being used unless the Access Seeker and Chorus have agreed a scheduled operational date for the UCLF Service (or the relevant part of it), in which case Charges will not be payable for any period before that date unless the UCLF Service is actually being used before that date; and

- 13.3.2 where the UCLF Service is supplied for a part period, a pro rata adjustment to the Charges will be made by Chorus and, where necessary, a refund will be made to the Access Seeker.
- 13.4 The Access Seeker must not rely on any information from Chorus concerning the tax treatment of any payments under the UCLF Terms, or any other matter relating to tax in relation to the UCLF Terms and the Access Seeker is responsible for determining the correct tax treatment of such matters.

## **14 Invoicing and payment of Charges**

### **Invoices**

- 14.1 Chorus will invoice the Access Seeker for all Charges.
- 14.2 Chorus' invoices must include reasonable information to enable the Access Seeker to check the accuracy of all Charges.
- 14.3 The due date of each invoice will be specified in the invoice and will be not less than 20 Working Days following the date of invoice.

### **Payment**

- 14.4 Except as expressly provided under the UCLF Terms:
- 14.4.1 all Charges invoiced by Chorus must be paid by the Access Seeker on or before the due date;
  - 14.4.2 all Charges invoiced by Chorus must be paid by the Access Seeker by electronic funds transfer in cleared funds to a place or bank account nominated by Chorus free of any deduction, set off or withholding (the only exceptions to the prohibition on deduction, set off and withholding are clause 16 and any set off in accordance with the UCLF Service Level Terms); and
  - 14.4.3 payments must not be made by credit card.
- 14.5 The Access Seeker must provide Chorus with sufficient information to allow Chorus to allocate any payment to a particular invoice or invoices and provide any information reasonably requested by Chorus for this purpose.
- 14.6 If the Access Seeker does not pay an invoice by the due date for payment, the Access Seeker will be in Default and Chorus may charge the Access Seeker default interest on the unpaid amount on a daily basis from the due date until payment is made. The default interest rate is the Bill Rate plus 2%.
- 14.7 Under no circumstances does payment of any amount unpaid under the UCLF General Terms release the Access Seeker from liability for any interest payable on that amount.
- 14.8 Neither the Access Seeker's obligation to pay interest under the UCLF General Terms, nor the performance of that obligation, prejudices Chorus' rights in respect of the Access Seeker's non-payment of an amount on its due date.

### **Electronic invoicing and billing reports**

- 14.9 Chorus must provide monthly billing information to the Access Seeker in an electronic format, as set out in the UCLF Operations Manual.

- 14.10 Chorus must provide a hardcopy of monthly billing information when requested by the Access Seeker, in which case Chorus will charge the Access Seeker in accordance with the UCLF Price List.
- 14.11 Chorus must, where practicable, provide billing reports and information additional to the information required by this section 14 when requested by the Access Seeker, in which case Chorus will charge the Access Seeker in accordance with the UCLF Price List.

#### **Time limit for invoicing**

- 14.12 Nothing under the UCLF Terms or in any invoice prejudices Chorus' right to invoice the Access Seeker for any Charges except that no Charge may be invoiced 100 days or more after the date the UCLF Service to which that Charge relates was supplied.

## **15 Non-payment**

- 15.1 Where the Access Seeker fails to pay any amount due under the UCLF Terms (other than an amount withheld in accordance with section 16 or set off in accordance with the UCLF Service Level Terms), Chorus may give Notice to the Access Seeker to pay that amount within 20 Working Days of the Notice being given (**Non-Payment Notice**). A Non-Payment Notice must state the amount due and may be given to the Access Seeker at any time from the date on which the UCLF Terms provides for interest to begin to accrue on the amount due (regardless of whether interest is charged).
- 15.2 A Non-Payment Notice will not be affected by the Access Seeker giving a Dispute Notice to Chorus unless the Non-Payment Notice purports to require payment of an amount withheld in accordance with section 16 or set off in accordance with the UCLF Service Level Terms. In this case the status quo will prevail and the Non-Payment Notice will not give rise to any rights under clause 15.3 or section 37 until the Dispute is resolved.

#### **Suspension following Non-Payment Notice**

- 15.3 Chorus may Suspend supply of the UCLF Service if Chorus gives the Access Seeker a Non-Payment Notice and the amount due (including any interest charged) is not paid within 20 Working Days of the Non-Payment Notice being given.
- 15.4 Suspension of the UCLF Service under clause 15.3 must cease as soon as it is reasonably practicable for Chorus to complete restoration of the UCLF Service after the Access Seeker's non-payment is remedied, and in any event must cease no later than four Working Days after the Access Seeker's non-payment is remedied.

## **16 Invoice Disputes**

#### **Dealing with Invoice Error Disputes**

- 16.1 If the Access Seeker reasonably and in good faith believes there is a manifest error in either the Charges in an invoice or in the calculation of the amount of an invoice (**Invoice Error**), the Access Seeker may give Notice to Chorus before the due date setting out in full details of:
- 16.1.1 the invoice;
  - 16.1.2 the Invoice Error;
  - 16.1.3 the grounds for the Access Seeker's belief that the Invoice Error exists; and
  - 16.1.4 the amount by which the Access Seeker believes that Chorus has overcharged or undercharged it by reason of the Invoice Error.

- 16.2 Where the Access Seeker believes Chorus has overcharged it by reason of an Invoice Error, the Access Seeker may withhold payment of the amount it believes it has been overcharged until the issue has been resolved in accordance with this section 16. Whenever payment is withheld under this clause 16.2 the Access Seeker must, within 10 Working Days after the due date, give Chorus a full extract detailing each withheld Charge.
- 16.3 If the Access Seeker fails to follow the Notice requirements set out in clause 16.1, then any right under this section 16 to withhold payment of the amount it believes it has been overcharged, does not apply.
- 16.4 Following the giving of any Notice of an Invoice Error, the Access Seeker and Chorus must treat that Notice as a Dispute Notice and resolve the Dispute in accordance with section 38. If the Dispute reaches a Deadlock, the Access Seeker and Chorus must refer the Dispute to expert decision.
- 16.5 If it is agreed by the Access Seeker and Chorus or decided under clause 38.7 that an Invoice Error exists in an invoice, depending on whether the amount properly payable by the Access Seeker is more than the amount paid (an underpayment) or less than the amount paid (an overpayment), then:
- 16.5.1 in the case of an underpayment, the Access Seeker must forthwith pay to Chorus the amount of the difference between the amount paid and the amount properly payable;
  - 16.5.2 in the case of an overpayment, Chorus must forthwith pay to the Access Seeker the amount of the difference between the amount paid and the amount properly payable, plus interest on that amount at the Bill Rate (as at the date the Access Seeker made the overpayment) plus 2% for the period from the date the Access Seeker made the overpayment to the date of payment, or the date clause 16.7 becomes applicable, whichever is earlier; or
  - 16.5.3 in the case of an Invoice Error that affects three or more of any five consecutive invoices and constitutes an overpayment by the Access Seeker that is more than 5% of the amount properly payable by the Access Seeker under such invoices, Chorus must forthwith pay to the Access Seeker the amount of the difference between the amount paid and the amount properly payable, plus interest on that amount at the Bill Rate (as at the date the Access Seeker made the first overpayment) plus 4% for the period from the date the Access Seeker made the first overpayment to the date of payment, or the date clause 16.7 becomes applicable, whichever is the earlier.
- 16.6 If it is agreed by the Access Seeker and Chorus or decided under clause 38.7 that an Invoice Error does not exist, the Access Seeker must forthwith pay any amount withheld plus interest on the amount withheld at the Bill Rate (as at the date of the invoice) plus 2% for the period from the day after the due date to the date of payment of the amount withheld, or the date clause 16.7 becomes applicable, whichever is earlier.

#### **Interest on unpaid amounts**

- 16.7 Where an amount due from Chorus or the Access Seeker under clauses 16.5, 16.6, or section 17 remains unpaid on the 20th Working Day after the date the Dispute is resolved, that Party must pay interest on that amount at the Bill Rate (as at that 20th Working Day) plus 5% for the period from that 20th Working Day to the date of payment of that amount, in addition to the amount due under clauses 16.5, 16.6, or section 17.

## **17 Other Invoice Disputes**

- 17.1 Regardless of whether or not the Access Seeker has previously given Notice of an Invoice Error in relation to any invoice, the Access Seeker may give Chorus a Dispute Notice in respect of that

invoice, provided that a Dispute Notice cannot be given later than 100 days after the date of the invoice. Any Dispute Notice under this clause 17.1 must comply with clause 38.2 and set out details of the invoice, the disputed amount and the grounds for the Dispute together with any available supporting evidence. The Access Seeker and Chorus must resolve the Dispute in accordance with section 38.

- 17.2 If a Dispute under clause 17.1 is resolved in favour of the Access Seeker, Chorus must forthwith pay the amount agreed or found to have been overpaid plus interest at the Bill Rate (as at the date of the overpayment) plus 2% on the overpaid amount for the period from the date the overpayment was made to the date of refund of the overpayment or the date clause 16.7 becomes applicable, whichever is earlier.
- 17.3 If a Dispute under clause 17.1 is resolved in favour of Chorus, the Access Seeker must forthwith pay the amount agreed or found to have been underpaid plus interest at the Bill Rate (as at the date the underpayment became due) plus 2% on the underpaid amount for the period from the date the underpayment was paid to the date of payment of the balance or the date clause 16.7 becomes applicable, whichever is earlier.

## **LIABILITY**

### **18 Access Seeker's liability**

#### **Limitation of the Access Seeker's liability**

- 18.1 The Access Seeker's total liability in respect of any and all Defaults, negligent acts or omissions or breaches of statutory duty is limited to \$500,000 in aggregate for all events (connected or unconnected) occurring in any 12 month period, save that this limitation does not apply to the exceptions under clause 18.4.

#### **Exclusion of the Access Seeker's liability**

- 18.2 The Access Seeker's liability for Indirect Damages in respect of any and all Defaults, negligent acts or omissions or breaches of statutory duty is excluded, save that this exclusion does not apply to the exceptions under clause 18.4.

#### **Time bar**

- 18.3 The Access Seeker has no liability to Chorus in respect of any Default, negligent act or omission or breach of statutory duty unless Chorus notifies the Access Seeker of its claim within 12 months after that Default, negligent act or omission or breach of statutory duty became reasonably discoverable.

#### **Exceptions to the limitation and exclusion of the Access Seeker's liability**

- 18.4 The limitation under clause 18.1 and the exclusion under clause 18.2 do not apply to:
- 18.4.1 any liability resulting from the Access Seeker's fraud or wilful Default;
  - 18.4.2 any obligation arising under the UCLF Terms to pay money in the ordinary course of business;
  - 18.4.3 any liability resulting from the Access Seeker's Default under section 31; or
  - 18.4.4 any liability resulting from the Access Seeker's Default under section 33.

### **Costs of recovering Charges**

- 18.5 The Access Seeker must pay on demand all of Chorus' reasonable expenses (including legal costs on a full indemnity basis) properly incurred by Chorus in exercising its rights to recover any Charge the Access Seeker is liable to pay Chorus under the UCLF Terms.

## **19 Chorus' liability**

### **Limitation of Chorus' liability**

- 19.1 Chorus' total liability in respect of any and all Defaults, negligent acts or omissions or breaches of statutory duty is limited to \$500,000 in aggregate for all events (connected or unconnected) occurring in any 12 month period, save that this limitation does not apply to the exceptions under clause 19.4.

### **Exclusion of Chorus' liability**

- 19.2 Chorus' liability for Indirect Damages in respect of any and all Defaults, negligent acts or omissions or breaches of statutory duty is excluded, save that this exclusion does not apply to the exceptions under clause 19.4.

### **Time bar**

- 19.3 Chorus has no liability to the Access Seeker in respect of any Default, negligent act or omission or breach of statutory duty unless the Access Seeker notifies Chorus of its claim within 12 months after that Default, negligent act or omission or breach of statutory duty became reasonably discoverable.

### **Exceptions to the limitation and exclusions of Chorus' liability**

- 19.4 The limitation under clause 19.1 and the exclusions under clauses 19.2 do not apply to:
- 19.4.1 any liability resulting from Chorus' fraud or wilful Default;
  - 19.4.2 any obligation arising under the UCLF Terms to pay money in the ordinary course of business;
  - 19.4.3 any liability resulting from Chorus' Default under section 31
  - 19.4.4 any liability arising under clause 32.3;
  - 19.4.5 any liability resulting from Chorus' Default under section 33; or
  - 19.4.6 any Performance Penalty which may be payable by Chorus.

### **Costs of recovering Performance Penalties**

- 19.5 Chorus must pay on demand all of the Access Seeker's reasonable expenses (including legal costs on a full indemnity basis) properly incurred by the Access Seeker in exercising its rights to recover any Performance Penalty Chorus is liable to pay the Access Seeker under the UCLF Terms.

## **20 General**

- 20.1 Nothing under the UCLF Terms excludes or limits:
- 20.1.1 any statutory liability of the Access Seeker or Chorus (to the extent that the law prohibits excluding or limiting such liability); or



20.1.2 the Access Seeker's or Chorus' liability to pay any costs of, or awarded in, any proceeding, expert decision, arbitration or mediation.

20.2 Each term of sections 18 and 19:

20.2.1 is a separate limitation, exclusion or indemnity (as the case may be) applying and surviving even if one or more of such terms is inapplicable or held unreasonable in any circumstances; and

20.2.2 takes effect so that every limitation, exclusion and indemnity (as the case may be) is not affected by the UCLF Terms coming to an end.

## 21 Force Majeure

21.1 In this section 21:

21.1.1 **Force Majeure Event** means any event beyond the reasonable control of a Party, including:

- (a) act of God or force of nature (including fire, earthquake, flood, landslide and weather of exceptional severity);
- (b) public mains electrical supply failure;
- (c) serious accident the cause of which is unconnected to the Party relying on the Force Majeure Event (including explosion and radioactive contamination);
- (d) requirement or restriction of or failure to act by any government, regulatory or judicial entity (including any requirement to comply with a statutory or regulatory obligation) other than any exercise of power under the Act in relation to the UCLF Terms itself;
- (e) epidemic, or national or local emergency (whether in fact or law);
- (f) sabotage, riot, insurrection, terrorism or civil disorder;
- (g) military operations or war (whether declared or not);
- (h) industrial dispute of any kind (provided that, in circumstances where the industrial dispute involves its own employees, the Party relying on the Force Majeure Event must have taken reasonable actions to prevent such industrial dispute from arising); or
- (i) acts or omissions of strangers for whom the Party relying on the Force Majeure Event is not responsible (for the avoidance of doubt, the Access Seeker and Chorus are responsible for all of their respective contractors, employees, servants and agents),

but does not include:

- (j) any event which the Party relying on the Force Majeure Event could have avoided or overcome by exercising a standard of reasonable care at a reasonable cost; or
- (k) a lack of funds for any reason or any other inability to pay.

- 21.2 Notwithstanding anything in the UCLF Terms, neither the Access Seeker nor Chorus is liable for any cost, liability, loss, damage or expense (including legal and other professional costs) for not meeting or for any delay in meeting any obligation under the UCLF Terms (other than any obligation arising under the UCLF Terms to pay money in the ordinary course of business) caused by a Force Majeure Event.
- 21.3 Where the Access Seeker or Chorus rely on a Force Majeure Event in respect of any failure or delay in meeting its obligations under the UCLF Terms, it must forthwith give Notice to the other Party of the estimated extent and duration of its inability to perform or delay in performing its obligations.
- 21.4 Upon cessation of the effects of a Force Majeure Event any Party relying on it must forthwith give Notice to the other Party of such cessation.
- 21.5 A Force Majeure Event does not discharge any Party relying on it from any obligation accrued beforehand. Any Party relying on a Force Majeure Event must continue to perform those of its obligations not affected by the Force Majeure Event.
- 21.6 Any Party affected by a Force Majeure Event will use all reasonable endeavours to mitigate as soon as practicable those consequences of that Force Majeure Event which have affected its obligations under the UCLF Terms, and will keep the other Party fully informed about the status of the Force Majeure Event and the extent to which it is preventing the first Party from performing those obligations.
- 21.7 To the extent that Chorus is prevented as a result of a Force Majeure Event from providing all or part of the UCLF Service, the Access Seeker is not required to pay the Charges that apply to that part of the UCLF Service that is not provided by Chorus during the Force Majeure Event.

## SERVICE DISRUPTION

### 22 Outages

- 22.1 Chorus must, where practicable, give the Access Seeker reasonable advice of anything that Chorus is aware of which is likely to adversely affect the UCLF Service to the same extent that it provides any such advice and notification to any Customers or to another part of Chorus.

#### Planned Outages

- 22.2 Chorus may Suspend supply of the UCLF Service for the purpose of conducting works, routine maintenance, remedial work or upgrades to Chorus' Network (**Planned Outage**).
- 22.3 Chorus must:
- 22.3.1 use all reasonable endeavours to conduct any Planned Outage between the hours of 11.00 pm to 6.00 am inclusive where Chorus believes that is practicable and in such manner as to minimise, to the extent practicable, any impact on the provision of the UCLF Service to the Access Seeker;
- 22.3.2 advise the Access Seeker in advance of any Planned Outage to the same extent that Chorus provides any such advice and notification to any Customer or to another part of Chorus; and
- 22.3.3 in respect of any advice of a Planned Outage, provide the following information:
- (a) a brief explanation of the reason for the Planned Outage;

- (b) the intended date, time and duration of the Planned Outage;
- (c) a description of the UCLF Service (or the relevant part of it) which will be affected by the Planned Outage; and
- (d) the name and contact details of Chorus' representative(s) who gave the advice.

### **Unplanned Outages**

22.4 Chorus may Suspend supply of the UCLF Service:

22.4.1 due to any unplanned unavailability of, or interruption to, Chorus' Network or the UCLF Service; or

22.4.2 in order to provide or safeguard service to the emergency or other essential services,

**(Unplanned Outage).**

22.5 Chorus must:

22.5.1 use all reasonable endeavours to give the Access Seeker as much advice as possible of the existence of any Unplanned Outage;

22.5.2 advise the Access Seeker of any Unplanned Outage within the timeframe set out in the UCLF Service Level Terms; and

22.5.3 use all reasonable endeavours to answer any reasonable questions from the Access Seeker about the extent and duration of any Unplanned Outage.

22.6 Chorus must act reasonably and in good faith in;

22.6.1 planning and implementing any Planned Outage; and

22.6.2 managing any Unplanned Outage

with a view to minimising the impact on the Access Seeker and Customers and End-Users of the Access Seeker.

22.7 If the Access Seeker becomes aware of any Unplanned Outage before it receives advice from Chorus under clause 22.5, the Access Seeker must make reasonable efforts to notify Chorus as soon as reasonably practical.

## **FAULTS**

### **23 Responsibility for faults**

23.1 Chorus is responsible for:

23.1.1 Any faults which affect the UCLF Service and are in Chorus' Network, Chorus' Systems, or in Chorus Owned Equipment, except where a fault is the Access Seeker's responsibility under clause 23.2

23.1.2 any faults which affect the UCLF Service and are in the Access Seeker's Network or Access Seeker Equipment but are due to any act or omission of Chorus.

- 23.2 The Access Seeker is responsible for:
- 23.2.1 any faults which affect the UCLF Service and are in Chorus' Network or Chorus Owned Equipment but are due to any act or omission of the Access Seeker or of a Customer of the Access Seeker or an End User of the Access Seeker;
  - 23.2.2 any faults in Access Seeker Equipment; and
  - 23.2.3 any faults in the Access Seeker's Network.
- 23.3 Despite the Access Seeker's responsibilities under clause 23.2, this section 23 does not create any right for the Access Seeker to access any property controlled by Chorus or fix any equipment or other thing unless expressly provided otherwise in the UCLF Terms.
- 23.4 Where the Access Seeker is responsible for a fault under clause 23.2 that it has no right of access to fix, it may engage Chorus to fix that fault on its behalf in accordance with the UCLF Operations Manual at the Charge specified in the UCLF Price List.

## 24 Diagnosing faults

- 24.1 The Access Seeker must operate a competent and sufficiently resourced faults reporting service for Customers and End Users of the Access Seeker.
- 24.2 Before asking Chorus to investigate any fault, the Access Seeker must:
- 24.2.1 confirm the presence of a fault;
  - 24.2.2 perform an initial fault diagnosis to identify where the fault has arisen;
  - 24.2.3 use all reasonable endeavours to investigate the fault and find out all relevant information from its Customer or End User; and
  - 24.2.4 confirm the fault is one that Chorus is responsible for fixing under clause 23.1.

## 25 Reporting faults to Chorus

- 25.1 Once the Access Seeker has complied with clause 24.2 it must report any fault that Chorus is responsible for fixing under clause 23.1 to Chorus and provide details of it (**Reported Fault**). The procedures for making and acknowledging a Reported Fault are set out in the UCLF Operations Manual.
- 25.2 Where the Reported Fault is outside Chorus' responsibility under clause 23.1 or Chorus cannot confirm the presence of a fault, then Chorus may charge the Access Seeker in accordance with the UCLF Price List.
- 25.3 Chorus must not accept any report of a fault from a Customer or End User of the Access Seeker. Any Customer or End User of the Access Seeker mistakenly contacting Chorus will be advised to contact the Access Seeker. The Access Seeker must ensure that all of its Customers and End Users are informed that all faults must be reported to the Access Seeker.

## 26 Fixing faults

- 26.1 A Reported Fault that is Chorus' responsibility under clause 23.1 will be fixed by Chorus between the hours of 7.00 am and 7.00 pm seven days a week. Procedures for fixing emergency faults are set out in the UCLF Operations Manual.
- 26.2 Where entry into the property of, or interaction with, any Customer or End User of the Access Seeker is not required, Chorus may attend the premises of that Customer or End User to fix a fault without needing to arrange a site visit with the Access Seeker.
- 26.3 The Access Seeker will facilitate contact with any relevant Customer or End User of the Access Seeker and/or arrange a site visit whenever clause 26.2 does not apply and this is reasonably required by Chorus to clarify the nature of, or undertake work to fix, any Reported Fault. Chorus may communicate with a Customer or End User of the Access Seeker directly so long as such communications are confined to technical matters directly concerning the Reported Fault. Chorus must comply with the customer contact procedures set out in the UCLF Operations Manual.
- 26.4 Upon Chorus' acknowledgement of a Reported Fault that is Chorus' responsibility under clause 23.1, Chorus must:
- 26.4.1 comply with the UCLF Operations Manual;
  - 26.4.2 diagnose and fix the Reported Fault;
  - 26.4.3 following the initial diagnosis, provide an indication to the Access Seeker of the likely time to fix the Reported Fault, provided that Chorus has no obligation to provide such indication if the Reported Fault is fixed at the time of initial diagnosis; and
  - 26.4.4 if requested by the Access Seeker provide progress reports after expiry of the indicated fault restoration timeframe (such progress reports must include the steps taken by Chorus to resolve the Reported Fault and the expected time remaining until the Reported Fault will be resolved, if known),

in each case using all reasonable endeavours to meet the timeframes set out in the UCLF Service Level Terms or, if there are none, the fault restoration timeframe indicated when the Reported Fault was made or as advised in the most recent progress report provided under clause 26.4.4.

## CHORUS' NETWORK, CHORUS OWNED EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY

### 27 Safeguarding Chorus' Network and Chorus Owned Equipment

- 27.1 For the Access Seeker's own safety, and so that services supplied to Customers of Chorus are not disrupted, the Access Seeker must help safeguard Chorus' Network and Chorus Owned Equipment. The Access Seeker must:
- 27.1.1 follow Chorus' reasonable directions when connecting anything to Chorus' Network or any Chorus Owned Equipment and make sure it complies with the UCLF Operations Manual;
  - 27.1.2 only allow people authorised by Chorus to work on or around Chorus' Network or Chorus Owned Equipment; and
  - 27.1.3 make sure everyone the Access Seeker is responsible for also meets these obligations.

- 27.2 Chorus is responsible for the safe operation and upgrading of Chorus' Network in a manner that does not:
- 27.2.1 endanger the safety or health of any of the Access Seeker's employees, contractors, agents or Customers; or
  - 27.2.2 damage, interfere with or cause any deterioration in the operation of the Access Seeker's Network. However Chorus will not be responsible for any damage to, interference with, or deterioration of the Access Seeker's Network that is caused by the Access Seeker's failure to ensure that the Access Seeker's Network is compatible with Chorus' Network.
- 27.3 Chorus must not unreasonably withhold or delay granting authorisation under clause 27.1.2.

## 28 Network performance

- 28.1 A Party's Network may affect the performance of the second Party's Network. If there is an issue affecting the performance of a Party's Network then, without prejudice to the other terms of the UCLF Terms, that Party (**Affected Party**) may require the other Party to meet with it within a reasonable time frame. At that meeting, the Parties must discuss in good faith and endeavour to agree the steps the other Party will take, and the timeframes for taking those steps, to mitigate the effects on the Affected Party's Network.

## 29 Responsibilities for Chorus Owned Equipment

- 29.1 At the time any Chorus Owned Equipment is supplied, Chorus will use all reasonable endeavours to make sure it is safe, durable and approved for connection to the rest of Chorus' Network.
- 29.2 Where Chorus supplies the Access Seeker with any Chorus Owned Equipment, the Access Seeker will, where applicable:
- 29.2.1 leave the Chorus Owned Equipment installed and not use it otherwise than in accordance with the UCLF Operations Manual;
  - 29.2.2 protect the Chorus Owned Equipment from radio or electrical interference, power fluctuations, abnormal environmental conditions, theft and any other risks of loss or damage, except where such risks of loss or damage are caused by Chorus ;
  - 29.2.3 meet any requirements set out in the UCLF Operations Manual relating to the Chorus Owned Equipment;
  - 29.2.4 if the Chorus Owned Equipment is lost, stolen or damaged, notify Chorus directly and pay for repairing or replacing it, except where the loss, theft or damage was caused by Chorus ;
  - 29.2.5 follow Chorus' reasonable directions when using the Chorus Owned Equipment and never use the Chorus Owned Equipment for purposes for which it is not designed; and
  - 29.2.6 not encumber Chorus' title to the Chorus Owned Equipment or expose such title to third party claims and notify Chorus if it becomes aware of any third party claim.
- 29.3 When any Chorus Owned Equipment is no longer required the Access Seeker:
- 29.3.1 must return the Chorus Owned Equipment to Chorus ;

- 29.3.2 will take reasonable care to avoid causing damage when returning the Chorus Owned Equipment to Chorus and be responsible for any damage to the Chorus Owned Equipment; and
  - 29.3.3 must pay all Charges for the Chorus Owned Equipment until such time as it is returned to Chorus .
- 29.4 Chorus must:
- 29.4.1 maintain the Chorus Owned Equipment to the same specifications that Chorus maintains equivalent equipment used to supply the UCLF Service to itself; and
  - 29.4.2 where necessary to ensure the Access Seeker is able to meet its obligations under clause 29.2, provide the Access Seeker with adequate and timely information regarding these specifications.

## 30 Property rights

### Chorus' property rights

- 30.1 Acquiring the UCLF Service from Chorus does not give the Access Seeker any property rights or beneficial interest in any part of Chorus' Network. The supply of any Chorus Owned Equipment or software to the Access Seeker, or the Access Seeker's use of Chorus Owned Equipment or software, does not give the Access Seeker any beneficial interest in that Chorus Owned Equipment or software.

### Personal Property Securities Act 1999

- 30.2 Where any lease or bailment of:
  - 30.2.1 Chorus Owned Equipment to the Access Seeker; or
  - 30.2.2 any property of the Access Seeker to Chorus ,constitutes a security interest for the purposes of the Personal Property Securities Act 1999 (**PPSA**), then:
  - 30.2.3 Chorus or the Access Seeker (as the case may be) may perfect its security interest by registering a finance statement in the Personal Property Securities Register; and
  - 30.2.4 this clause shall constitute a security agreement for the purposes of the PPSA.

## 31 Intellectual Property

- 31.1 Except as expressly provided under the UCLF Terms, any Intellectual Property created or owned by Chorus shall remain the property of Chorus , and any Intellectual Property created or owned by the Access Seeker shall remain the property of the Access Seeker. Nothing under the UCLF Terms:
  - 31.1.1 confers any assignment, right, title or licence of one Party's Intellectual Property to the other; or
  - 31.1.2 restricts the rights of Chorus or the Access Seeker to own, use, enjoy, licence, assign or transfer its own Intellectual Property.

- 31.2 All Intellectual Property in any improvements or changes to the UCLF Service devised or made by anyone during the time Chorus is supplying the UCLF Service to the Access Seeker, belong to Chorus.

## **32 Software and Chorus Systems**

- 32.1 Where Chorus provides the Access Seeker with any software to use or grants the Access Seeker access to a Chorus System:
- 32.1.1 Chorus shall advise the Access Seeker of the purpose of the software or access to the Chorus System;
  - 32.1.2 Chorus remains the owner, licensee of the software or Chorus System and has the right to allow the Access Seeker to use it, and must maintain all necessary licences and sufficient control to provide the UCLF Service using the Chorus Systems;
  - 32.1.3 the Access Seeker may use the software or Chorus System only for the purposes for which it is provided;
  - 32.1.4 the Access Seeker's right to use the software or Chorus System is personal to the Access Seeker and may not be transferred to anyone else;
  - 32.1.5 the Access Seeker will not change or interfere with the software or Chorus System in any way;
  - 32.1.6 the Access Seeker must protect and secure its usernames and passwords from unauthorised use;
  - 32.1.7 the Access Seeker will not use the software or Chorus System to recreate any source code;
  - 32.1.8 the Access Seeker will not copy any part of the software or Chorus System except for the purposes of Chorus approved backup or testing procedures; and
  - 32.1.9 the Access Seeker's right to use the software or Chorus System will continue until either:
    - (a) supply of the UCLF Service has been terminated; or
    - (b) Chorus reasonably believes that the Access Seeker has breached any obligation under this clause 32.1, in which case Chorus may Suspend or terminate the Access Seeker's right to use the software or Chorus System immediately, with Chorus having no liability to the Access Seeker.
- 32.2 Chorus may at any time provide upgrades or new versions of any software. Provided that an upgrade or new version does not adversely affect supply of the UCLF Service, or the Access Seeker's use of the UCLF Service, the Access Seeker will install the upgrade or new version at its own cost:
- 32.2.1 as soon as it reasonably can and no later than six months after Chorus provides it; or
  - 32.2.2 immediately, if Chorus notifies the Access Seeker that the UCLF Service may be adversely affected if the upgrade or new version is not installed immediately.
- 32.3 Chorus indemnifies the Access Seeker against cost, liability, loss, damage or expense (including legal and other professional costs) that the Access Seeker incurs or suffers as a result of any claim or proceeding that is made, threatened or commenced by any third party where that claim or



proceeding is a result of the Access Seeker's proper and lawful use of the Chorus Systems or software under the UCLF Terms.

## INFORMATION

### 33 Confidential Information

33.1 In this section 33:

33.1.1 **Disclosing Party** means (as the context requires):

- (a) the Access Seeker when disclosing information to Chorus; and
- (b) Chorus when disclosing information to the Access Seeker.

33.1.2 **Receiving Party** means (as the context requires):

- (a) the Access Seeker when receiving information from Chorus ; and
- (b) Chorus when receiving information from the Access Seeker.

33.1.3 **Access Seeker** includes any Related Company of the Access Seeker.

33.1.4 **Chorus** includes any Related Company of Chorus.

33.1.5 **Confidential Information** means all information which is confidential or proprietary to the Disclosing Party and is used or disclosed in connection with the UCLF Terms, including information which is confidential or proprietary to a third party and is used or disclosed in connection with the UCLF Terms by the Disclosing Party under licence from that third party and including information derived from Confidential Information, but excludes:

- (a) information which is independently developed by the Receiving Party outside the scope of the UCLF Terms, provided that such development did not rely on any Confidential Information;
- (b) information obtained from a source independent of the Disclosing Party;
- (c) information which was publicly available at the time it was received;
- (d) information which was known to the Receiving Party at the time it was received or becomes publicly available after the time it was received other than by a breach of an obligation of confidence;
- (e) information required to be released under any applicable law or the regulations of a stock exchange on which the Receiving Party's shares are listed;
- (f) information expressly stated under the UCLF Terms to be disclosed to the public or telecommunications industry;
- (g) information expressly stated under the UCLF Terms not to be Confidential Information; or
- (h) any press release or other public statement that is agreed by the Access Seeker and Chorus .

33.1.6 **Confidential Customer Information** means all information which a Party (“**the first Party**”) provides to the other Party on a confidential basis, or which the other Party holds or obtains, concerning a particular person who is or intends to become a Customer of the first Party. It includes the fact that the person intends to subscribe for or has subscribed for any of the first Party’s services and includes information about that Customer which is generated from usage records made by that Customer or by End Users of any service provided to that Customer that relies (in whole or in part) on the UCLF Service but excludes the contents of these UCLF Terms and any information (including information which was formerly Confidential Customer Information):

- (a) obtained from the person or from any other source independent of either Party;
- (b) which is publicly available and is obtained from a public source;
- (c) which is both contained in and generated from a Party’s own billing records relating to its Customers other than billing records relating to its services to the other Party;
- (d) resulting from the fact that a Customer has commenced receiving a service from the Access Seeker that relies (in whole or in part) on the UCLF Service, the identity of that Customer, and all information associated with the commencement of that service; or
- (e) expressly stated in these UCLF Terms not to be Confidential Customer Information.

33.2 Subject to the following clauses of this section 33, a Receiving Party shall keep Confidential Information in confidence and will not (and will ensure that its directors, employees, and professional advisors do not) disclose Confidential Information to any third party or use any of the Confidential Information other than as necessary for performance of the UCLF Terms.

33.3 A Receiving Party shall exercise the greater of:

33.3.1 the degree of care of Confidential Information that a reasonable person with knowledge of the confidential nature of the Confidential Information would apply; and

33.3.2 the security or degree of care that it applies to its own Confidential Information of an equivalent nature.

33.4 A Receiving Party shall restrict disclosure of Confidential Information within itself to those persons who have a reasonable need to know.

33.5 A Receiving Party may disclose Confidential Information to a contractor, agent or professional advisor where that person has a need to know, provided that the Receiving Party will be responsible for any disclosure of the Confidential Information by that person where such disclosure would be a breach of this section 33 if made by the Receiving Party.

33.6 A disclosure of Confidential Information will not constitute a breach of this section 33 where it is:

33.6.1 authorised in writing by the Disclosing Party to the extent of that authority;

33.6.2 to an emergency organisation;

33.6.3 properly made pursuant to a relevant statutory or regulatory obligation;

33.6.4 disclosed to the Commission;

33.6.5 properly and reasonably made to the Court or any person appointed by the Access Seeker and Chorus under section 38 to resolve a Dispute; or

33.6.6 to obtain or maintain any listing on any recognised stock exchange,

subject (in the case of any disclosure specified in clauses 33.6.3 to 33.6.6) to the Receiving Party informing the Disclosing Party as soon as reasonably practicable, after such disclosure.

33.7 Each Party must use reasonable care to ensure that it does not use Confidential Customer Information for sales or marketing purposes, which means using the information in a manner designed to prevent or encourage the transfer of a Customer from one Party to the other or the subscription to a service (that relies, in whole or in part, on the UCLF Service) offered by a Party (whether or not that service is offered by the other Party), except that:

33.7.1 this clause is not intended to prevent a Party using any information about one of its Customers (who may also be a Customer of the other Party) which is generated solely within the first Party's own Network from its own records relating to its own services provided that any such information a Party generates through transferring one of its Customers to a service provided by the other Party must not be used for sales and marketing purposes before completion of the transfer process. For example, billing information of one Party indicating that a person who is a Customer of that Party is dialling and/or receiving calls from numbers allocated to the other Party is not Confidential Customer Information of the other Party; and

33.7.2 each Party acknowledges that the other Party's personnel (or those of the other Party's Related Companies) may engage in multiple roles or functions and a Party does not breach this clause merely because Confidential Customer Information is provided other than for sales and marketing purposes to a person who has multiple roles or functions (one of which is sales or marketing). Each Party must ensure that its personnel directly involved in the supply of the UCLF Service may not, at the same time, be involved in marketing or sales to that Customer. To avoid doubt, nothing in this clause 33.7.2 prevents either Party restructuring the operational aspects of its business.

33.8 Each Party acknowledges that damages may not be an adequate remedy in the case of a breach of clauses 33 or 34, and that either Party may seek an injunction or interlocutory relief in these circumstances.

## 34 Access Seeker Information

34.1 Subject to the requirements of confidentiality imposed under section 33, Chorus may collect information about the Access Seeker and Customers and End Users of the Access Seeker where and to the extent that such information is reasonably required for the purpose of providing the UCLF Service (**Access Seeker Information**). Access Seeker Information may be obtained from the Access Seeker or generated within Chorus' Network when the Access Seeker or anyone else uses the UCLF Service.

34.2 For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this section 35 shall require the Access Seeker, or entitle Chorus , to do anything in breach of any statutory or regulatory obligation or in breach of any confidentiality obligation to a third party.

34.3 Chorus may:

34.3.1 hold Access Seeker Information and share it with its employees, contractors and other agents who are directly involved in the provision of the UCLF Service, but only where and to the extent that this is necessary to enable Chorus to provide the Access Seeker with the UCLF Service, send the Access Seeker invoices, check that the Access

Seeker's obligations are being met, or otherwise to administer and enforce the UCLF Terms;

- 34.3.2 share Access Seeker Information with Other Service Providers, but only where and to the extent that this is necessary to enable the Access Seeker to send or receive messages of any kind through any telecommunications network;
- 34.3.3 disclose Access Seeker Information in accordance with and to the extent required by a reporting obligation under any applicable law;
- 34.3.4 use Access Seeker Information in order to ensure compliance with non-discrimination or similar clauses in contracts between Chorus and Customers of Chorus provided that the Access Seeker and any Customers or End Users of the Access Seeker are not identified; and
- 34.3.5 use Access Seeker Information for statistical purposes in fulfilment of legal or regulatory requirements, provided that the Access Seeker and any Customers or End Users of the Access Seeker are not identified.

## **DEFAULTS OTHER THAN FOR NON-PAYMENT AND SUSPENSION OF SUPPLY**

### **35 Default Notice**

- 35.1 Where on reasonable grounds a Party considers there has been a Default (other than a failure to pay any amount due under the UCLF Terms), it may give Notice to the Party in Default setting out details of the Default and giving a reasonable period to remedy the Default, which must be at least 15 Working Days (**Default Notice**).
- 35.2 If a Dispute Notice is given in relation to the same subject matter as a Default Notice before the period to remedy the Default expires, then:
  - 35.2.1 the status quo will prevail until the Dispute is resolved;
  - 35.2.2 if the Default Notice was given by Chorus, it will not give rise to any rights under clauses 36.5, 36.6, 37.5.4, or 37.5.5 unless and until the Dispute is resolved in Chorus' favour; and
  - 35.2.3 if the Default Notice was given by the Access Seeker, it will not give rise to any rights under clause 37.4 unless and until the Dispute is resolved in the Access Seeker's favour.
- 35.3 If a Dispute Notice is given in relation to the same subject matter as a Default Notice after the period to remedy the Default expires, then:
  - 35.3.1 if the Default Notice was given by Chorus, it will give rise to rights under clauses 36.5, 36.6, 37.5.4, or 37.5.5 unless and until the Dispute is resolved in the Access Seeker's favour; and
  - 35.3.2 if the Default Notice was given by the Access Seeker, it will give rise to rights under clause 37.4 unless and until the Dispute is resolved in Chorus' favour.

## **36 Suspension of supply**

- 36.1 The Access Seeker remains liable to pay all Charges for the UCLF Service (or part of the UCLF Service) until the UCLF Service is Suspended. The Access Seeker must pay all Charges for any part of the UCLF Service the supply of which has not been Suspended, except to the extent that the Access Seeker is unable to use that part of the UCLF Service as a result of the Suspension of another part of the UCLF Service.
- 36.2 Acceptance of part payment or the continued supply of the UCLF Service by Chorus, either before or after its powers to Suspend have become exercisable, does not constitute a waiver of Chorus' rights under this section 36.
- 36.3 Suspension of the UCLF Service under this section 36 as a result of the Access Seeker's Default will cease as soon as it is reasonably practicable for Chorus to complete restoration of the UCLF Service after the Default is remedied, and in any event must cease no later than four Working Days after the Access Seeker's Default is remedied.

### **Suspension of supply following consultation and Default Notice**

- 36.4 Except in a case of an exceptional event making prior consultation impractical, before Chorus may exercise any right under clause 36.5:
- 36.4.1 Chorus must give a Default Notice to the Access Seeker setting out the specific event giving rise to the Default Notice, any provisions of the Privacy Act 1993 or any relevant telecommunications privacy codes of practice and any practicable process or outcome which would remove the necessity for suspension;
- 36.4.2 the Access Seeker and Chorus must promptly make themselves available for consultation and must promptly consult with each other with a view to establishing a better understanding of the event and agreeing on a practical process or outcome which would remove the necessity for Suspension; and
- 36.4.3 five Working Days must have expired since Chorus made itself available for consultation with the Access Seeker, and the event which gave rise to the Default Notice must have continued throughout this period.
- 36.5 Chorus may Suspend supply of the UCLF Service, but only to the minimum extent practical so as to limit disruption to services the Access Seeker provides to its Customers and End Users, if Chorus reasonably believes:
- 36.5.1 the Access Seeker does not hold a licence, permit or other official authorisation it must hold to provide its services lawfully;
- 36.5.2 the Access Seeker, in providing services that depend on the UCLF Service, is breaching the Privacy Act 1993 or any relevant telecommunications privacy codes of practice in force under Part VI of the Privacy Act 1993;
- 36.5.3 any person to whom the Access Seeker is providing, or from whom the Access Seeker is receiving, a service in connection with the UCLF Service is breaching the Privacy Act 1993 or any relevant telecommunications privacy codes of practice in force under the Privacy Act 1993; or
- 36.5.4 the Privacy Commissioner has performed a statutory function or exercised a statutory power which has or could have the effect of either making the operation of all or any part of the UCLF Service impractical or detrimental to Chorus' reputation, or rendering Chorus incapable of performing an obligation relating to supply of the UCLF Service.

### **Suspension or restriction following Default Notice**

- 36.6 Where Chorus gives a Default Notice in respect of a material Default by the Access Seeker, Chorus may Suspend supply of the UCLF Service or (where that Default affects only a part of the UCLF Service) the relevant part of the UCLF Service, after the period to remedy the material Default has expired if such Default has not been remedied.

### **Immediate suspension or restriction**

- 36.7 Chorus may Suspend supply of the UCLF Service or (if the relevant event affects only part of the UCLF Service) the relevant part of the UCLF Service, either immediately or within a reasonable period of time following the date on which the right to Suspend arises if:

- 36.7.1 the Access Seeker, in meeting its obligations, exercising its rights or using the UCLF Service, endangers the health or safety of any person;
- 36.7.2 the prerequisites under section 6 have not been, or are no longer, satisfied by the Access Seeker;
- 36.7.3 any condition specified by Chorus under clause 37.6.3 has not been, or is no longer, satisfied by the Access Seeker;
- 36.7.4 any person to whom the Access Seeker is providing a service, that relies (in whole or in part) on the UCLF Service is, in Chorus' reasonable opinion, using that service fraudulently or in breach of the UCLF Terms, provided that Chorus will only Suspend the UCLF Service to the minimum extent practicable to protect Chorus from the effects of that fraud or use in breach of the UCLF Terms;
- 36.7.5 the Access Seeker's operation or conduct, in Chorus' reasonable opinion, interferes with, damages or threatens in any material way the operation of Chorus' Network;
- 36.7.6 the primary, or all, of the business activities of the Access Seeker are suspended or cease for more than five consecutive Working Days;
- 36.7.7 the Access Seeker is unable to pay its debts as they fall due, or is presumed to be unable to pay its debts as they fall due, in terms of section 287 of the Companies Act 1993 (whether the Access Seeker is incorporated under that Act or not);
- 36.7.8 the Access Seeker goes into receivership or administration or has a receiver, trustee, administrator or statutory manager appointed in respect of all or any of its business or property;
- 36.7.9 the Access Seeker makes an assignment for the benefit of, or enters into or makes any arrangement or composition with, its creditors; or
- 36.7.10 any resolution is passed or any proceeding is commenced for the winding up or liquidation of the Access Seeker (whether on a voluntary or involuntary basis) without Chorus' prior written consent (which is not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), and providing that if such a proceeding is commenced on an involuntary basis it has remained ongoing for 20 or more Working Days,

and Chorus must give Notice of such Suspension to the Access Seeker as soon as reasonably practicable.

### **Obligation to inform the Commission**

- 36.8 If the supply of the UCLF Service is Suspended under this section 36, Chorus must inform the Commission immediately of the suspension and the reason for the suspension.

## TERMINATION OF SUPPLY

### 37 Termination of supply

- 37.1 The Access Seeker remains liable to pay all Charges for the UCLF Service (or part of the UCLF Service) until termination. The Access Seeker must pay all Charges for any part of the UCLF Service the supply of which has not been terminated, except to the extent that the Access Seeker is unable to use a part of the UCLF Service as a result of the termination of another part of the UCLF Service.
- 37.2 Acceptance of part payment or the continued supply of the UCLF Service by Chorus , either before or after its powers to terminate have become exercisable, does not constitute a waiver of Chorus' rights under this section 37.

#### Termination of supply by the Access Seeker

- 37.3 The Access Seeker may terminate the UCLF Service (or any part of the UCLF Service) after giving Notice to Chorus of two months or more. If the Access Seeker gives Chorus any Notice under this clause 37.3, Chorus must terminate supply of the UCLF Service in accordance with that Notice upon expiry of the Notice period.
- 37.4 Where the Access Seeker gives a Default Notice to Chorus , the Access Seeker may, after the period to remedy the Default has expired and provided that the Default has not been remedied, terminate supply of the UCLF Service (or any part of the UCLF Service) either:
- 37.4.1 immediately; or
  - 37.4.2 within a reasonable period of time following the date on which the Access Seeker becomes aware of the right to terminate.

#### Termination of supply by Chorus

- 37.5 Chorus may on giving Notice to the Access Seeker, terminate supply of the UCLF Service either immediately or within a reasonable period of time following the date on which the right to terminate arises if:
- 37.5.1 the Access Seeker goes into receivership or administration or has a receiver, trustee, administrator or statutory manager appointed in respect of all or any of its business or property;
  - 37.5.2 the Access Seeker makes an assignment for the benefit of, or enters into or makes any arrangement or composition with, its creditors;
  - 37.5.3 any resolution is passed or any proceeding is commenced for the winding up or liquidation of the Access Seeker (whether on a voluntary or involuntary basis) without Chorus' prior written consent (which is not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), and providing that if such a proceeding is commenced on an involuntary basis it has remained ongoing for 20 or more Working Days;
  - 37.5.4 Chorus has given a total of five or more Default Notices and/or Non-Payment Notices in any period of 12 months, provided that each Notice included in the total under this clause:
    - (a) may have been in respect of the same or any different Default;
    - (b) must not have been subject to a Dispute that was resolved in the Access Seeker's favour; and

- (c) must not have been subject to a determination by the Commission under the Act in the Access Seekers favour; or
- 37.5.5 Where Chorus gives a Default Notice to the Access Seeker, Chorus may, after the later of:
- (a) the period to remedy the Default has expired; and
  - (b) three months from the date the Default Notice was given,
- terminate supply of the UCLF Service (or any part of the UCLF Service) either immediately or within a reasonable period of time following the date on which the Access Seeker becomes aware of the right to terminate, provided that:
- (c) the Default has not been remedied; and
  - (d) the Default is material.
- 37.6 If supply of the UCLF Service is terminated under clause 37.5, at its discretion, Chorus may:
- 37.6.1 refuse to recommence supply of the UCLF Service to the Access Seeker;
  - 37.6.2 agree to recommence supply of the UCLF Service to the Access Seeker; or
  - 37.6.3 agree to recommence supply of the UCLF Service to the Access Seeker subject to any conditions, provided those conditions must not be inconsistent with the UCLF Terms.
- 37.7 Upon termination of supply of the UCLF Service, Chorus shall refund to the Access Seeker a pro rata proportion of all Charges which have been paid in advance by the Access Seeker for the period starting on the date of termination.

#### **Obligation to inform the Commission**

- 37.8 If the supply of the UCLF Service is terminated under this section, Chorus must inform the Commission immediately of the termination and the reason for the termination.

#### **Cabinetisation**

- 37.9 In this section 37:
- 37.9.1 **cabinetisation** means the replacement of an MPF from an Exchange with an MPF from a distribution cabinet (or equivalent facility);
  - 37.9.2 **MPF** means metallic path facility.
  - 37.9.3 **Exchanges of Interest List** has the meaning set out in clause 37.16.
- 37.10 Chorus must:
- 37.10.1 give Notice to the Access Seeker in accordance with clause 37.11, detailing:
    - (a) Chorus' plans for cabinetisation on a per Exchange basis;
    - (b) the number or percentage of MPFs in such Exchanges that will be affected;
    - (c) which Access Seeker's MPFs in that Exchange will be affected and the effect on the Access Seeker's receipt of the UCLF Service;



- (d) the suburbs within that Exchange area that will be affected by cabinetisation; and
- (e) in each case, the planned dates for cessation of supply of the UCLF Service (or part of the UCLF Service) and for cabinetisation.

**("Cabinetisation Notice");**

37.10.2 at the same time as it gives Notice under 37.10.1:

- (a) publish the Cabinetisation Notice on its publicly accessible website provided that to the extent that any information under clause 37.10.1(c) is confidential to the Access Seeker, Chorus shall not publish that information on its website;
- (b) provide a copy of the Cabinetisation Notice to the Commission.

37.11 The Cabinetisation Notice must be given at least 18 months prior to cabinetisation occurring, except where:

37.11.1 any of the following apply to a particular cabinetisation at a particular Exchange:

- (a) it is necessary in an emergency situation or where Chorus becomes aware of a material risk to the UCLF Service that requires action in order to ensure Network continuity;
- (b) it is necessary to replace the relevant part of the Local Loop Network because it has come to the end of its life, has significantly deteriorated, or has been damaged beyond repair and in each case this was reasonably unprecedented or reasonably unanticipated over and above that which was reasonably anticipated or reasonably foreseeable at the time the applicable General Cabinetisation Notice was given; or
- (c) it is a requirement of any law or government, statutory or regulatory authority, including without limitation the Commission, the Cabinetisation Notice must be given as far in advance of cabinetisation as is reasonably practicable in the circumstances;

37.11.2 any of the events described in clause 37.11.1(a) to (c) occur after a Cabinetisation Notice for a particular cabinetisation has already been given. In those circumstances, Chorus may vary its original Cabinetisation Notice, provided that:

- (a) the varied Cabinetisation Notice must be given as far in advance of the cabinetisation as is reasonably practicable in the circumstances; and
- (b) Chorus must immediately give Notice to the Access Seeker and the Commission of the change in date and details of the reason for that change.

References to the Cabinetisation Notice include Cabinetisation Notices as varied under this clause 37.11.2 and 0. For the avoidance of doubt, a single Cabinetisation Notice can apply to an Access Seeker in respect of both the UCLL Service and the UCLF Service.

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37.11.3 Chorus gives Notice of the proposed cabinetisation to all Access Seekers, giving them 30 calendar days to respond, and obtains a written waiver in accordance with clause 44 of the General Terms from :

- (a) Any Access Seeker that is accessing the UCLF Service from the Exchange that it is proposed be cabinetised ;
- (b) Any Access Seeker that has placed an Order (as defined in the UCLF Operations Manual) for the UCLF Service from the Exchange that it is proposed be cabinetised;
- (c) Any Access Seeker that has included the Exchange that it is proposed be cabinetised in its Forecast or Exchanges of Interest List; and
- (d) Any Access Seeker that responds to the Notice and includes the Exchange that it is proposed be cabinetised in its Forecast or Exchanges of Interest List.

For the avoidance of doubt, if an Access Seeker does not respond to the Notice, and neither (a), (b) nor (c) above apply, then the Notice shall be deemed a Cabinetisation Notice given in accordance with clause 38.11 and Chorus may proceed with the proposed cabinetisation in accordance with the Notice, without giving any further notice.

- 37.12 Within 3 months of the planned date for cabinetisation as set out in the Cabinetisation Notice, Chorus may terminate supply of that part of the UCLF Service in relation to MPFs that are to be cabinetised and complete the cabinetisation in accordance with the Cabinetisation Notice.
- 37.13 Upon terminating supply of part of the UCLF Service in relation to MPFs that are to be cabinetised;
- 37.13.1 Chorus must refund to the Access Seeker a pro rata proportion of any Charges which have been paid in advance by the Access Seeker; and
- 37.13.2 if the Access Seeker transfers its Customers to other services available from Chorus:
- (a) Chorus must pay the costs of such transfer if cabinetisation takes place less than 18 months from the date the Cabinetisation Notice or the Notice (as referred to in clause 37.11.3) was given, as applicable (regardless of the reason);
  - (b) the Access Seeker must pay the costs of such transfer if cabinetisation takes place 18 months or more after the date the Cabinetisation Notice or the Notice (as referred to in clause 37.11.3) , as applicable, was given.
- 37.14 On each six month anniversary of the date the UCLF Standard Terms Determination comes into force Chorus must:
- 37.14.1 provide the Access Seeker with a written rolling three year cabinetisation forecast ("**cabinetisation forecast**"); and
- 37.14.2 publish the cabinetisation forecast on Chorus' website (publicly accessible website).
- 37.15 The cabinetisation forecast will:
- 37.15.1 be for the three year period commencing on the date the forecast is provided;
- 37.15.2 broadly outline Chorus' indicative investment plans (as at the date of the forecast) for cabinetisation over the three years; and
- 37.15.3 include an evaluation of the impact such investment plans may have on individual Exchanges, an estimate of the number or percentage of MPFs in each Exchange that may be affected and an indication of which MPFs in each Exchange may be affected.

- 37.16 For the avoidance of doubt, the cabinetisation forecast provided in accordance with clauses 37.14 and 37.15 may be the same cabinetisation forecast as provided in accordance with clauses 38.14 and 38.15 of the UCLL General Terms.
- 37.17 The Access Seeker may at any time provide to Chorus a list, or updated list, of Exchanges at which the Access Seeker may be interested in receiving the UCLF Service at some future time ("**Exchanges of Interest List**"). The Exchanges of Interest List does not form a part of the Access Seeker's Forecasts as defined in the UCLF Operations Manual. At least once in every 12 month period Chorus will request the Access Seeker to provide its Exchange of Interest List or its update to that List, as applicable.

### **Copper Removal**

- 37.18 In this section 37:
- 37.18.1 **Copper Removal** means the removal of the copper in the Local Loop Network between the Distribution Cabinet and the Exchange (or equivalent facility);
- 37.18.2 **MPF** means metallic path facility.
- 37.19 Chorus must:
- 37.19.1 give Notice to the Access Seeker in accordance with clause 37.20 detailing:
- (a) Chorus' plans for Copper Removal on a per Distribution Cabinet basis;
  - (b) in each case, the planned dates for cessation of supply of the UCLF Service (or part of the UCLF Service).
- ("Copper Removal Notice")**;
- 37.19.2 at the same time as it gives Notice under clause 37.20, publish the Copper Removal Notice on its publicly accessible website provided that no information is published on its website to the extent that it is confidential to the Access Seeker.
- 37.20 The Copper Removal Notice must be given at least 18 months prior to copper removal occurring, except where:
- 37.20.1 any of the following apply at a particular Exchange:
- (a) it is necessary in an emergency situation or where Chorus becomes aware of a material risk to the UCLF Service that requires action in order to ensure Network continuity;
  - (b) it is necessary to replace the relevant part of the Local Loop Network because it has come to the end of its life, has significantly deteriorated, or has been damaged beyond repair and in each case this was reasonably unprecedented or reasonably unanticipated over and above that which was reasonably anticipated or reasonably foreseeable; or
  - (c) it is a requirement of any law or government, statutory or regulatory authority, including without limitation the Commission, the Copper Removal Notice must be given as far in advance of copper removal as is reasonably practicable in the circumstances;
- 37.20.2 any of the events described above occur after a Copper Removal Notice for has already been given. In those circumstances, Chorus may vary its original Copper Removal Notice , provided that:

- (a) the varied Copper Removal Notice must be given as far in advance of the copper removal as is reasonably practicable in the circumstances; and
- (b) Chorus must immediately give Notice to the Access Seeker of the change in date and details of the reason for that change.

References to the Copper Removal Notice include Copper Removal Notices as varied under this clause 37.20.2.

37.20.3 Chorus gives Notice of the proposed Copper Removal to all Access Seekers, giving them 30 calendar days to respond, and obtains a written waiver in accordance with clause 44 of the General Terms from :

- (a) Any Access Seeker that is accessing the UCLF Service;
- (b) Any Access Seeker that has placed an order (as defined in the UCLF Operations Manual) for the UCLF Service in the area where Copper Removal will occur;
- (c) Any Access Seeker that has included the Exchange that it is proposed to be affected by Copper Removal in its Forecast or Exchanges of Interest List; and
- (d) Any Access Seeker that responds to the Notice and includes the Exchange that it is proposed to be affected by Copper Removal in its Forecast or Exchanges of Interest List.

For the avoidance of doubt, if an Access Seeker does not respond to the Notice, and neither (a), (b) nor (c) above apply, then the Notice shall be deemed a Copper Removal Notice given in accordance with clause 38.11 and Chorus may proceed with the proposed cabinetisation in accordance with the Notice, without giving any further notice.

## DISPUTES

### 38 Dispute resolution

#### General

38.1 Except as expressly provided under the UCLF Terms or the Act, any dispute, disagreement, question or difference that arises between the Parties in relation to the UCLF Terms (**Dispute**), must be resolved in accordance with this section 38.

#### Notice of Dispute

38.2 If a Dispute arises, either Party may give Notice to the other requiring that the Dispute be resolved in accordance with this section 38 (**Dispute Notice**). A Party's Dispute Notice must specify:

- 38.2.1 the nature of the Dispute;
- 38.2.2 its representative for negotiations under clause 38.4; and
- 38.2.3 its suggestion for settling the Dispute.

#### Response to Dispute Notice

38.3 A Party receiving a Dispute Notice must, within five Working Days of receipt, reply to the other Party by Notice in writing specifying:

- 38.3.1 its representative for negotiations under clause 38.4; and
- 38.3.2 its suggestion for settling the Dispute.

### Negotiations

- 38.4 The Parties must enter into negotiations to resolve the Dispute within 10 Working Days of receiving the Dispute Notice. Negotiations must be held between a senior representative of each Party who must have authority to settle the Dispute. The senior representatives must endeavour to resolve the Dispute within 20 Working Days of receiving the Dispute Notice. If the senior representatives are not able to resolve the Dispute within 20 Working Days of receiving the Dispute Notice then the Dispute will be considered to have reached a deadlock (**Deadlock**).

### Dispute resolution options where negotiations fail

- 38.5 If the Dispute reaches a Deadlock then:
  - 38.5.1 the Parties must advise the Commission of the Dispute and the Deadlock;
  - 38.5.2 the Parties may agree in writing to refer the Dispute to mediation in accordance with clause 38.6;
  - 38.5.3 the Parties may agree in writing to refer the Dispute to expert decision in accordance with clause 38.7; or
  - 38.5.4 either Party may refer the Dispute to arbitration in accordance with clause 38.8 (in the circumstances permitted under clause 38.8),

save that the Parties must refer any Invoice Error or Dispute of a technical, operational or implementation nature to expert decision in accordance with clause 38.7.

### Mediation

- 38.6 Where the Parties have agreed in writing to refer a Dispute that has reached a Deadlock to mediation (**Mediation Referral Agreement**), the following provisions will apply:
  - 38.6.1 the mediator will be appointed by agreement between the Parties. However, if the Parties can not agree on a mediator within five Working Days of the Mediation Referral Agreement, then the mediator will be appointed at the written request of either Party by the president for the time being of LEADR NZ - Leading Edge Alternative Dispute Resolvers, New Zealand (or the president's nominee) or its successor body. The Party making this request must copy the request to the other Party;
  - 38.6.2 unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing, the terms of reference for the mediation will be the model mediation terms suggested by LEADR;
  - 38.6.3 either Party may, by Notice to the other, revoke the Mediation Referral Agreement at any time; and
  - 38.6.4 the Parties must advise the Commission if the mediation has lead to an agreement or if the Parties have ceased mediation without an agreement. If an agreement has been reached Parties must advise the Commission of the terms of the agreement.

### Expert Decision

- 38.7 Where the Parties must, or have agreed in writing to, refer a Dispute that has reached a Deadlock to expert decision (**Expert Referral Agreement**), the following provisions will apply:
  - 38.7.1 the expert will be appointed by agreement between the Parties. However, if the Parties cannot agree on the expert within five Working Days of the Expert Referral Agreement,

then an appropriately qualified and experienced expert will be appointed at the written request of either Party by the Chair of the Telecommunications Carriers' Forum. The Party making this request will use, and where possible ensure that the Chair of the Telecommunications Carriers' Forum uses, best endeavours to ensure that the appointment of the expert occurs no later than 15 Working Days from the date of the Expert Referral Agreement. The Party making this request must copy the request to the other Party;

- 38.7.2 to be eligible for appointment, the expert must be independent and impartial, experienced in the relevant area of telecommunications and will preferably be experienced in dispute resolution procedures. Unless the Parties agree otherwise, he or she must not have performed any duties, whether as an employee, consultant or contractor, for any of the Parties or any Related Company during a 12 month period prior to the date the Dispute Notice was given;
- 38.7.3 the expert may seek independent legal advice regarding the appropriate procedures for resolution of the Dispute;
- 38.7.4 the expert must adopt a procedure which, in the expert's opinion, is the most simple and expeditious procedure practicable in the circumstances;
- 38.7.5 the Parties will provide the expert with any information that the expert reasonably requires in a timely manner. The expert is entitled to make his or her decision in the absence of the information requested being provided, but subject to a reasonable time being given to the relevant Party to provide that information;
- 38.7.6 the expert will act as an expert and not as an Arbitrator under the Arbitration Act 1996. The expert will be entitled to rely on the expert's own judgement and opinion;
- 38.7.7 the expert should seek to make decisions that are timely, practical, efficient, and will take into account the Act, in particular the relevant standard access principles under the Act;
- 38.7.8 the expert will provide the Parties with a draft decision for comment prior to finalising it. The expert must provide the Parties with a reasonable period in which to comment on the draft decision and must take any comments received during that period into account in finalising a decision;
- 38.7.9 the expert must provide a final decision (which must include reasons for that decision) to the Parties in writing as soon as reasonably practicable and, in the absence of manifest error or bad faith, that decision will be final and binding upon the Parties. Either Party has 10 Working Days from the date the final decision is provided to assert that the expert's decision contains a manifest error or the expert has acted in bad faith;
- 38.7.10 the expert must use all reasonable endeavours to reach a final decision within 40 Working Days after appointment, and the Parties must co-operate reasonably with the expert to achieve that timetable;
- 38.7.11 except as set out in clause 38.7.12, the costs of the expert will be borne equally by the Parties. Each Party will bear its own costs in relation to the expert's decision;
- 38.7.12 where a Party has asserted that the expert's decision contains a manifest error or the expert has acted in bad faith, and such assertion is not upheld in that Party's favour by the relevant court or other authority (including the Commission), then the Party making the assertion will bear the costs (that is all court or other authority costs) of both Parties; and

- 38.7.13 the Parties must advise the Commission if the expert has made a final decision and if so the terms and reasons for that final decision.

#### **Arbitration**

38.8 If the Dispute reaches a Deadlock and the Parties:

- 38.8.1 have agreed to refer the Dispute to mediation and have not resolved the Dispute by the earlier of the conclusion of the mediation or the revoking of the Mediation Referral Agreement; or
- 38.8.2 have not agreed to refer the Dispute to mediation or expert decision,

then either Party may refer the Dispute to arbitration by a sole arbitrator (being a New Zealand resident) under the Arbitration Act 1996, by giving Notice to the other Party (**Arbitration Referral Notice**) and the following provisions will apply:

- 38.8.3 The arbitrator will be appointed by agreement between the Parties. However, if the Parties cannot agree on an arbitrator within five Working Days of receipt of the Arbitration Referral Notice, the arbitrator will be appointed at the written request of either Party by the president for the time being of the New Zealand Law Society (or the president's nominee) or its successor body. The Party making this request must copy the request to the other Party.
- 38.8.4 The arbitration will take place in Auckland or Wellington (at the arbitrator's discretion).
- 38.8.5 The arbitrator must adopt a procedure which, in the arbitrator's opinion, is the most simple and expeditious procedure practicable in the circumstances.
- 38.8.6 The arbitrator may determine the Dispute without a hearing unless either Party gives Notice requiring one, in which case the arbitrator must treat that as a material consideration in assessing costs.
- 38.8.7 The Second Schedule of the Arbitration Act 1996 will apply.
- 38.8.8 The costs of the arbitrator will be borne equally by the Parties unless the arbitrator determines otherwise.
- 38.8.9 The Parties will co-operate to ensure the expeditious conduct of the arbitration. In particular, each Party will comply with any reasonable time limits sought by the other for settling the terms of reference, interlocutory matters and all other steps preliminary and incidental to the hearing and decision of the Dispute
- 38.8.10 The arbitrator must use all reasonable endeavours to reach a decision within 40 Working Days after appointment, and the Parties must co-operate reasonably with the arbitrator to achieve that timetable. In any event, the Dispute must be finally settled by the arbitrator within 60 Working Days after appointment, unless the Parties agree in writing to extend this period.
- 38.8.11 The Parties must advise the Commission if the arbitrator has made a decision and if so the terms and reasons for that decision.

#### **Interlocutory or injunctive relief**

- 38.9 Nothing in this section 38 will prevent either Party from seeking urgent interlocutory or injunctive relief from the Court.

#### **Good faith and continuity**

- 38.10 Pending resolution of any Dispute, the Access Seeker and Chorus will each:

- 38.10.1 make all reasonable efforts in good faith to resolve the Dispute promptly and in a manner which minimises any impact on the performance of the UCLF Terms; and
- 38.10.2 continue to perform its other obligations under the UCLF Terms.

#### **Remedies under the Act**

- 38.11 A copy of any decision arising from a Dispute must be provided by the Parties to the Commission immediately following that decision. The Parties will indicate if any part of the decision is confidential. A copy of the decision will be published on the Commission's website as soon as practicable, subject to any restriction made by the Commission.
- 38.12 No Disputes as to the Charges listed in the UCLF Price List may be resolved by the Disputes Resolution procedures in this section 38. The Access Seekers or Chorus (as the case may be) must apply to the Commission under the Act.
- 38.13 For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this section 38 prevents the Access Seeker or Chorus from seeking any remedies available to it under the Act.

## **GENERAL**

### **39 Health and safety**

- 39.1 The Access Seeker and Chorus will comply with each other's reasonable requirements for security, health and safety when working at each other's premises. Chorus will also comply with any reasonable requirements for security, health and safety when working at the premises of a Customer or End User of the Access Seeker. Where practicable, these requirements will be communicated to each other in writing.

### **40 Consumer Guarantees Act 1993**

- 40.1 The UCLF Service is supplied to the Access Seeker for the purposes of a business as defined in the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993. The provisions of that Act do not apply to the UCLF Service supplied to the Access Seeker under the UCLF Terms.

### **41 Assignment**

- 41.1 The Access Seeker may transfer all of its rights and obligations (but not less than all) under the UCLF Terms, provided that the assignee has satisfied the prerequisites set out in section 6.
- 41.2 Where the Access Seeker transfers its rights and obligations under the UCLF Terms in accordance with clause 41.1, it must give prior Notice to Chorus of when that assignment will take effect.

### **42 Representations**

- 42.1 The Access Seeker may not represent, and will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that its employees, contractors or agents do not represent, that there will be a continuing relationship between Chorus and any Customer or End User of the Access Seeker.



## **43 Subcontracting**

- 43.1 A Party may have subcontractors or other agents meet any of its obligations under the UCLF Terms, but it will remain liable to the other Party for meeting all those obligations.

## **44 No waiver**

- 44.1 A waiver of any right, power or remedy under the UCLF Terms must be in writing signed by the Party granting it. A waiver is only effective in relation to the particular obligation or Default in respect of which it is given. It is not to be taken as an implied waiver of any other obligation or Default or as an implied waiver of that obligation or Default in relation to any other occasion.
- 44.2 The fact that a Party fails to do, or delays in doing, something the Party is entitled to do under the UCLF Terms does not amount to a waiver.

## **45 Notices**

- 45.1 Notices to Chorus or the Access Seeker must be in writing and must be sent to the relevant contact details advised in accordance with the UCLF Operations Manual.
- 45.2 Any Notice given by:
- 45.2.1 post to a contact address will be assumed to have been delivered three days after it is posted;
  - 45.2.2 fax to a contact fax number will be assumed to have been delivered once a correct transmission confirmation slip is received, but any fax sent after 5.00 pm on a Working Day will be deemed to have been delivered at 9.00 am on the next Working Day;
  - 45.2.3 email to an email address will be assumed to have been delivered on the earlier of:
    - (a) the sender's receipt of confirmation of successful delivery; or
    - (b) one Working Day after dispatch, provided the sender does not receive any indication of the failure of, or delay in, delivery within one Working Day after dispatch. For the purpose of this clause 45.2.3, 'dispatch' occurs when the relevant email first leaves the sender's network for delivery to the recipient's address.

## **46 Change mechanism for the Interference Management Plan**

- 46.1 Subject to clause 46.2, the definitions set out in the Interference Management plan will apply to this section 46 to the extent that such definitions are not inconsistent with the UCLF General Terms.
- 46.2 In this section 46, Notice means a notice in writing that is sent to the relevant contact details of Chorus, an Access Seeker or the Commission (as applicable) as notified by the receiving party from time to time. Clause 45.2 will apply to any such Notice.

### **Notice of change**

- 46.3 Chorus or any Access Seeker who wishes to propose a change to the Interference Management Plan (in this section 46, the Proposing Party) must, unless the proposed change is not technical in nature, undertake an initial technical investigation in accordance with the spectral compatibility determination process described in Part Two of the Interference Management Plan. The purpose of

the initial technical investigation will be to assess the result of the proposed change for the purposes of clause 46.4.2.

- 46.4 If the Proposing Party elects to proceed with the proposed change to the Interference Management Plan, the Proposing Party must give Notice to all other Access Seekers and Chorus (where applicable) (in this section 46, the Non-proposing Parties). Any Notice given under this clause 46.4 must:
- 46.4.1 specify the exact details of the proposed amendments to the text, tables and/or graphs in the Interference Management Plan (the **Proposal**); and
  - 46.4.2 specify whether the Proposal:
    - (a) is not technical in nature or will not result in Unacceptable Interference to a Basis system, Unacceptable Excess Power or a change to the deployment limits of a Basis System (a **Minor Impact Proposal**); or
    - (b) will result in Unacceptable Interference to a Basis System, Unacceptable Excess Power or a change to the deployment limits of a Basis System (a **Major Impact Proposal**).
- 46.5 The Proposing Party must give the Commission a copy of the Proposal at the same time that it gives Notice to the Non-proposing Parties in accordance with clause 46.4.
- 46.6 Unless otherwise agreed by Chorus and all Access Seekers, each Non-proposing Party will give Notice to the Proposing Party and all other Non-proposing Parties by email that it:
- 46.6.1 accepts the Proposal;
  - 46.6.2 requires further clarification of the Proposal or further work to be performed by the Proposing Party in respect of the Proposal. In this case, any request for clarification or further work must be reasonable and clearly defined; or
  - 46.6.3 rejects the Proposal (subject to clause 46.10). In this case, the Non-proposing Party must provide reasons why it has rejected the Proposal.
- 46.7 Unless otherwise agreed by Chorus and all Access Seekers, any Notice given by a Non-proposing Party in accordance with clause 46.6 will:
- 46.7.1 in the case of a Minor Impact Proposal, be given no later than 10 Working Days from the date of receipt of the Notice given under clause 46.4; and
  - 46.7.2 in the case of a Major Impact Proposal, be given no later than 30 Working Days from the date of receipt of the Notice given under clause 46.4.

**Further clarification or further work required**

- 46.8 Where a Non-proposing Party provides Notice that it requires further clarification of the Proposal or further work to be performed in respect of the Proposal under clause 46.6.2, then:
- 46.8.1 the Proposing Party may provide any additional information relating to the request to all Non-proposing Parties;
  - 46.8.2 Chorus and the Access Seekers will use reasonable endeavours to reach agreement on any changes to the Proposal; and
  - 46.8.3 unless otherwise agreed by Chorus and all Access Providers, each Non-proposing Party will give Notice to the Proposing Party and all other Non-proposing Parties by email that it accepts the Proposal or that it rejects the Proposal (subject to clause 46.10):

- (a) no later than 10 Working Days from the date of receipt of the Notice containing the additional information specified in clause 46.8.1 in the case of a Minor Impact Proposal; or
- (b) no later than 30 Working Days from the date of receipt of the Notice containing the additional information specified in clause 46.8.1 in the case of a Major Impact Proposal.

#### **Deemed acceptance**

46.9 If any Non-proposing Party does not provide Notice by the end of the period specified in clause 46.7 or the end of the period specified in clause 46.8.3 (as applicable), that Non-proposing Party will be deemed to have accepted the Proposal.

#### **Minor Impact Proposals for the operation of a Non-Deployment Class System**

46.10 In the case of a Minor Impact Proposal that relates to the operation of a Non-Deployment Class System, a Non-proposing party may only:

46.10.1 reject the Proposal in accordance with clause 46.6.3 or clause 46.8.3(a) (as applicable); or

46.10.2 give Notice to the Commission (following a rejection under clause 46.10.1) in accordance with clause 46.11.1(b),

for technical reasons where that Non-proposing Party reasonably believes that the Proposal will result in Unacceptable Interference to a Basis system, Unacceptable Excess Power or a change to the deployment limits of a Basis System.

#### **Referral to the Commission**

46.11 In the case of a Minor Impact Proposal:

46.11.1 either:

(a) the Proposing Party, where the Minor Impact Proposal has not been agreed by the majority, may give Notice to the Commission that it seeks a decision whether the Proposal is approved or not; or

(b) the Proposing Party, where the Minor Impact Proposal has been agreed by the majority, must give Notice to the Commission that it seeks a decision whether the Proposal is approved or not;

46.11.2 such Notice under clause 46.11.1 will be given no later than 10 Working Days from the end of the period specified in clause 46.7.1 or clause 46.8.3(a) (as applicable); and

46.11.3 the Commission will use its reasonable endeavours to advise whether the Proposal is approved no later than 30 Working Days from the date of the receipt of Notice in accordance with clause 46.11.1. The Commission will give Chorus and all Access Seekers Notice of its decision by email and will publish its decision on the Commission's website.

46.12 In the case of a Major Impact Proposal, then:

46.12.1 if the Non-proposing Parties do not unanimously agree to a Major Impact Proposal, then the Proposing Party may give Notice to the Commission that it seeks a decision whether the Proposal is approved or not; or

- 46.12.2 if the Non-proposing Parties do unanimously agree to a Major Impact Proposal, then the Proposing Party must give notice to the Commission that it seeks a decision whether the Proposal is approved or not;

and the Commission will use its reasonable endeavours to advise whether the Proposal is approved and will give Chorus and all Access Seekers Notice of its decision by email and will publish its decision on the Commission's website.

- 46.13 Any Notice given in accordance with clauses 46.11.1, 46.11.2 or 46.12.1 must be given to all other parties at the same time such Notice is given to the Commission.

**Notice of acceptance of Proposal**

- 46.14 Unless otherwise provided in the Proposal, the Proposal will take effect from the date Chorus gives Notice of the updated Interference Management Plan in accordance with clause 46.15.
- 46.15 Chorus will give the Commission and all Access Seekers Notice of the updated Interference Management Plan no later than 15 Working Days from the date that the Proposal is approved by the Commission.
- 46.16 For the avoidance of doubt, no Proposal and no change to the Interference Management Plan is effective unless it has been approved by the Commission.

**Resubmission of any Proposal**

- 46.17 For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this section 46 will prevent the Proposing Party from re-submitting any Proposal, provided that:
- 46.17.1 in the case of a Minor Proposal, the Minor Impact Proposal has not been accepted by the majority;
- 46.17.2 in the case of a Major Impact Proposal, the Major Impact Proposal has been rejected by any party; and
- 46.17.3 any resubmission is notified to the Non-proposing Parties in accordance with clauses 46.4 and 46.5.