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By email

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Dear Mr Fuller

Enable Networks Limited – warning for non-compliance with information specifications under s 83 of the Telecommunications Act

## **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this letter is to address the omissions by Enable Networks Limited (Enable Networks) in complying with the information specifications issued under s 83 of the Telecommunications Act (Act) for the 2012/2013 TDL year (information specifications).

# Warning for failing to comply with the information specifications

- 2. Enable Networks self-reported that it should have included relevant information for Enable Services Limited (Enable Services) in its information disclosures when responding to the information specifications.
- 3. Enable Networks corrected the omissions in its disclosures by providing us with the missing information for Enable Services on a voluntary basis.
- 4. Rather than taking stronger enforcement action, we have decided to issue this warning letter.

### Our decision to issue a warning

5. We consider that Enable Networks has contravened s 156A(1)(k) of the Act by failing to provide the information for Enable Services required under s 83, without a reasonable excuse.

- 6. We may take Court proceedings seeking a financial penalty or issue an infringement notice for such contravention.
- 7. However, based on our assessment of the non-compliance we have decided to exercise our enforcement discretion not to take such action against Enable Networks.
- 8. More particularly, having assessed the circumstances of the non-compliance, we are satisfied that the omissions were inadvertent and that Enable Networks took appropriate steps to remedy them as soon as they were discovered.
- 9. We appreciate Enable Network's actions in bringing the omissions to our attention and taking immediate steps to correct them.

# Our expectations regarding Enable Network's future compliance

- 10. We consider that compliance with the disclosure requirements under the Act is of utmost importance. This is particularly so where the regulatory scheme (such as Part 3 of the Act) relies on the complete and accurate reporting of information and where the failure to do so may have significant consequences for parties across the industry.
- 11. All Qualifying Liable Persons (QLPs) are responsible for ensuring that they comply with the information specifications under s 83. It is therefore important that each QLP ensures that they have appropriate risk management and quality controls in place to ensure that their disclosures in response to the information specifications under s 83 are complete and accurate.
- 12. Enable Network's future compliance with the information specifications under s 83 will prevent a stronger enforcement response.

#### **Further information**

- 13. This warning letter is public information and will be published on our website.
- 14. Please contact Mark Worsley, Senior Legal Counsel, on (04) 924 3784 or by email at mark.worsley@comcom.govt.nz if you have any questions about this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Gale

**Telecommunications Commissioner**