

## Tariff for Offering of Priority Circuits Scheme to Requesting Licensees

### Background

The Priority Circuits Scheme is intended to facilitate faster service recoveries for selected customers of Requesting Licensees, in the event of a large-scale service difficulty incident on the Next Generation National Broadband Network (“NGNBN”). For the avoidance of doubt, the Priority Circuit Scheme operates in conjunction with the Industry Crisis Management Plan (“ICMP”).

During a major service difficulty incident (as defined in the ICMP), the affected Priority Circuits will be restored through fibre patching using existing reserved spare fibre strands.

Priority Circuits will only be made available to Requesting Licensees for purpose of emergency service restoration during large-scale NGNBN service difficulty incidents, as provided for in the ICMP. For the avoidance of doubt, the Priority Circuits are strictly not meant to act as diverse or “back-up” connections/circuits for use by Requesting Licensees.

The Priority Circuits referred to herein are either Residential End-User Connections or Non-Residential End-User Connections.

#### **i) Maximum Number and Allocation of Priority Circuits**

NetLink Trust shall offer up to a maximum of four-hundred-and-eighty (480) Priority Circuits per Central Office (“CO”) to be distributed across all Requesting Licensees. Out of the four-hundred-and-eighty (480) Priority Circuits per CO, sixty (60) Priority Circuits will be made available at each of the nine (9) COs at no cost to Requesting Licensees. The sixty (60) Priority Circuits will be allocated to Requesting Licensees based on their share of the end-user connections in the respective CO at the appropriate time.

The remaining four-hundred-and-twenty (420) Priority Circuits (“Additional Priority Circuits”) will be allocated to Requesting Licensees based on their share of the end-user connections in the respective CO at the appropriate time; however Additional Priority Circuits will be made available to Requesting Licensees at a charge (on per Priority Circuit basis).

#### **ii) Review of Allocation of Priority Circuits**

The allocation of Priority Circuits will be reviewed annually. Please refer to the illustrations provided on the following page:

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An illustration on the allocation of Priority Circuits at CO A in March 2015:

Requesting Licensee	Share of Connections	Allocated Priority Circuits (Cost to be borne by NetLink Trust)	Allocated Additional Priority Circuits (Payable by Requesting Licensee)	Total No. of Priority Circuits Allocated to Requesting Licensee
RL1	20%	Up to 12	Up to 84	Up to 96
RL2	30%	Up to 8	Up to 126	Up to 144
RL3	50%	Up to 30	Up to 210	Up to 240

An illustration on the allocation of the Priority Circuits at CO A in March 2016:

Requesting Licensee	Share of Connections	Allocated Priority Circuits (Cost to be borne by NetLink Trust )	Allocated Additional Priority Circuits (Payable by Requesting Licensee)	Total No. of Priority Circuits Allocated to Requesting Licensee
RL1	20%	Up to 12	Up to 84	Up to 96
RL2	20%	Up to 12	Up to 84	Up to 96*
RL3	50%	Up to 30	Up to 210	Up to 240
RL4	10%	Up to 6	Up to 42	Up to 48

\* RL2 will be required to reduce its take-up of Priority Circuits due to a change in the Share of Connections.

### iii) Application of Charges for Additional Priority Circuits

Requesting Licensees which require more than the allocated number of Priority Circuits may subscribe to Additional Priority Circuits at a Monthly Recurring Charge (“MRC”) of S\$7.50 per Priority Circuit (exclude taxes), subject to a cap of four-hundred-and-eighty (480) Priority Circuits per CO (which will be distributed across all Requesting Licensees). The Additional Priority Circuits will be allocated all Requesting Licensees based on their share of the end-user connections in the respective CO at the appropriate time.

### iv) Quarterly Update of Priority Circuits

Requesting Licensee are required to update (i.e. add or remove) their list of Priority Circuits every three (3) months.

Requesting Licensees shall, by the last Business Day of the current Quarter and in a standard template prescribed by NetLink Trust, submit to NetLink Trust (via email) the Priority Circuits which are to be added or removed from their list of Priority Circuits.

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## **Additional Terms & Conditions Governing Use of Priority Circuits Scheme**

The Priority Circuits Scheme shall only be made available to Requesting Licensees which have accepted and signed on to the ICMP.

Any breach of the terms and conditions of the Priority Circuits Tariff, or of the terms and conditions of NetLink Trust's Interconnection Offer ("ICO"), by the participating Requesting Licensee shall constitute a material breach for which NetLink Trust is entitled to terminate its offering to the participating Requesting Licensee of the Priority Circuits Tariff with immediate effect.

All Service Level Guarantees ("SLGs") offered pursuant to the ICO, including SLGs for Service Activation Period, Mean Time To Recovery and Service Level Availability, shall not apply to the Residential End-User Connections and Non-Residential End-User Connections provisioned under the Priority Circuits Scheme. Accordingly, Requesting Licensees shall not be entitled to any remedy or rebate whatsoever from NetLink Trust in respect of the Residential End-User Connections and Non-Residential End-User Connections provisioned under the Priority Circuits Scheme.