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Dear Robert

OPTUS 2007 MTAS UNDERTAKING: REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO WIK MODEL

I refer to Optus' Ordinary Access Undertaking in relation to its Domestic Mobile Terminating Access Service for the second half of 2007, which Optus has submitted to the Commission for assessment.

I understand that the Commission intends to use the WIK Mobile Network and Cost Model in its assessment of Optus' undertaking. This follows from the Commission's statement in its March 2007 Discussion Paper on Optus' undertaking (page 7) that it would use the WIK model to inform indicative prices for the MTAS from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2009.

While Optus had the opportunity to examine the WIK model from 16 February 2007 to 16 March 2007, Optus considers that the duration of this access period was insufficient given the many complex issues such a model raises. Further, the extent of access was insufficient since only a limited selection of model inputs were able to be viewed and adjusted, and many aspects of the model remained inaccessible.

I hereby request that the Commission provide Optus with full and unfettered access to the WIK model at least until the release of the Commission's final decision on Optus' undertaking. Given that Optus' MTAS price is crucial to its legitimate business interests, and given the WIK model's central role in the assessment of that price, Optus considers that to deny access to the model would be inconsistent with procedural fairness. Optus requests that the Commission provide access to the model by no later than close of business on 11 April 2007.

I look forward to your response. If you wish to discuss this matter please contact me on 02 9342 7036.

Yours sincerely

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