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RADIO SPECTRUM POLICY

TEMPORARY VARIATIONS TO BROADCASTING LICENCES INVOLVING POPULATION INCREASES

1. Policy.

- Variations can be for a maximum of three months only;
- Only one such temporary variation will be permitted for each frequency and site. Subsequent purchasers of the licence will be permitted one temporary variation;
- A resource rental shall be payable on the increased population coverage. This will be calculated as per the table below.

2. Specific Criteria.

The following table provides the population based charges (all amounts GST inclusive) for the calculation of the resource rental charge.

Type of licence	\$ per head of population coverage (per month)	Maximum payable (per month)	Minimum payable (per month)
FM, VHF TV	\$0.01	\$1000	\$200
AM, UHF TV	\$0.003	\$250	\$100

Part months shall be charged on a daily basis, with daily rates being calculated as per the above charges divided by 30, though a minimum of \$18 per day shall be payable for FM and VHF TV licences and a minimum of \$10 per day payable for AM and UHF TV licences.

3. Background.

A temporary increase in coverage is often sought to test a new market. To ensure that an unreasonable commercial advantage over competitors is not achieved certain conditions are therefore imposed. As exactly comparable licences are often not available, the change to a population based charge for the resource rental was made.

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