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Dear Company Secretary

Notification of variation of the Multiplex L licence granted under Part 1 of the Broadcasting Act 1996 (as modified by The Local Digital Television Programme Services Order 2012) (the 'BA Licence')

Notification of variation of Licence MUX-L000001/WT granted under section 8(1) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 (the 'WTA Licence')

This is a formal notification of our decision to vary the BA Licence held by Comux UK Limited ('Comux') under sections 3(4) and 12(2) of the Broadcasting Act 1996, as modified by The Local Digital Television Programme Services Order 2012, ('the 1996 Act'), and Condition 25 of the BA Licence.

This is also a formal notification of our decision to vary the WTA Licence held by Comux under Schedule 1 paragraph 7 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act') and Condition 3 of the WTA Licence.

The variations and reasons for our decision in each case are detailed below.

BA Licence

On 31 March 2025, alongside an application for renewal, Comux provided its written consent for the BA Licence to be extended by 12-months, from 26 November 2025 to 25 November 2026, under section 16(1A) of the 1996 Act. We have therefore extended the duration of the BA Licence by 12-months pursuant to section 3(4) of the 1996 Act and Condition 25(1)(a) of the BA Licence.

We also wrote to you on 22 July 2025 and asked you to provide any representations about, or your consent to, the following variations to the BA Licence:

- a. to remove outdated provisions related to the delivery of the 700 MHz DTT Clearance Programme following its completion;
- b. the correction of a small number of errors we had identified;
- c. to vary the Technical Plan which forms part of the BA Licence to:
 - i. amend the antenna pattern for the Bilsdale transmitter station and relay to implement the decision in our ['Statement on local television coverage extension – Middlesbrough'](#) consenting to the Middlesbrough coverage extension request submitted by Comux and Local TV Limited; and

- ii. reflect clearance events which took place under the 700 MHz DTT Clearance Programme, specifically amending the antenna height and power at relevant transmitter stations and relays and to remove outdated technical requirements.

Ofcom may, by notice in writing, vary the conditions of your BA Licence where you have been given a reasonable opportunity to make representations, or with the consent of the licensee, in accordance with sections 3(4)(b) and 12(2) of the 1996 Act and Condition 25(1)(a) and (b) of the BA Licence (as applicable).

On 30 July 2025, you confirmed to Ofcom in writing that you consented to the proposed variations and had no representations to make.

We have therefore decided to vary the BA Licence as we proposed.

WTA licence

Ofcom has the power under Schedule 1 paragraph 6(a) of the 2006 Act to vary the terms, provisions or limitations of your WTA licence by a notice in writing given to the licensee.

On 22 July 2022 we also wrote to you, in accordance with Schedule 1 paragraph 7 of the 2006 Act, setting out a number of proposed variations to the WTA Licence, which we considered were necessary in light of our proposed changes to the BA Licence, specifically:

- a. given that you are also required to hold a licence under the 2006 Act to operate the local multiplex service, to extend the duration of the WTA Licence, which was due to expire on 25 November 2025, by 12 months so that it runs concurrently with your BA Licence (as extended); and
- b. to vary the Technical Plan, which is also referenced in your WTA licence, for the same reasons outlined at bullet point c. above and accordingly amend the definition of “Technical Plan” in Condition 11(f) of the Licence to refer to the revised version.

We also proposed to make a few small drafting changes to: i) update the licensee’s registered address and the name and contact details of the person having authority to close down a station if necessary which were out of date; and ii) amend Condition 10 and Annex 1 of the Licence to correct typographical errors.

On 30 July 2025, you provided your written consent to the proposed variations and confirmed that you had no representations to make. As explained above, we have also decided to vary the BA Licence to extend its duration by 12-months, to expire on 25 November 2026, as well as the Technical Plan which forms part of that licence.

We have therefore decided to vary the WTA Licence in accordance with our proposals.

Next steps

We enclose a notice of variation for both the BA Licence and the WTA Licence which set out the specific changes to each licence. The variations take effect as of 5 August 2025.

Copies will be published on our website alongside a copy of this letter and updated versions of each of the licences and the Technical Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Ofcom Broadcast Licensing Team