

An Post's decision not to make request to seek to receive funding for the net costs (if any) of providing the universal postal service in 2017

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- 1: An Post, the sole designated universal postal service provider under the Communications Regulation (Postal Services) Act 2011 ("2011 Act"), may seek to receive funding for the net costs (if any) of providing the universal postal service by making a request in writing to the Commission for Communications Regulation ("ComReg").
- 2: Such a request for funding may be made under section 35(1) of the 2011 Act and section 35(2) provides that such a request shall be in a form and manner determined by ComReg and shall be accompanied by supporting information as may be reasonably required by ComReg. ComReg Decision D09/13, published on 25 July 2013, set out ComReg's determination as to the form and manner of any request for funding. Section 35(2)(b) of the 2011 Act provides that An Post must submit a request for funding no later than 6 months after the accounts for the financial year concerned have been audited, unless ComReg agrees otherwise.
- 3: On 25 September 2018, An Post submitted a request to extend the deadline in respect of a request to seek to receive funding for the net costs (if any) of providing a universal postal service in 2017, to 30 April 2019.
- 4: As set out in ComReg Information Notice 18/88, ComReg considered An Post's request and in accordance with section 35(2)(b) of the 2011 Act ComReg agreed to extend, to 30 April 2019, the deadline in respect of any request made by An Post to seek to receive funding for the net costs (if any) of providing a universal postal service in 2017.
- 5: On 29 April 2019, by correspondence to ComReg, An Post stated that it had decided not to make any request to seek to receive funding (if any) of providing a universal postal service in 2017.