



Commission for
Communications Regulation
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Mr Donal Connell
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Ref: An Post's price application under section 30(12) of the Communications Regulation (Postal Services) Act 2011

Dear Donal

I refer to the adjusted application by An Post to the Commission for Communications Regulation, dated 29 January 2013 and made pursuant to section 30(12) of the Communications Regulation (Postal Services) Act 2011, in which An Post sought the required prior consent of the Commission to An Post changing its charges for certain of its postal services within the scope of universal postal service, relating to postal packets weighing less than 50 grams.

I confirm that the Commission, following public consultation, has determined to give its consent to An Post's application. An Post may therefore change its charges for the postal services at issue, to the extent set out in its adjusted application of 29 January 2013.

As noted in the Commission's published Response to Consultation¹ paper which sets out the rationale for the Commission giving its consent to An Post's application, the financial challenges facing An Post are such that the price increases hereby consented to can only be one of a series of measures necessary to ensure the continued financial viability of An Post and maintain the provision of a universal postal service. These various measures must include cost containment and growth in other commercial activities. It is for An Post to address its financial challenges by identifying and taking these other necessary measures as a matter of urgency, in order to ensure the continued provision of the universal postal service at an affordable price for all postal service users in the State.

Yours sincerely

Kevin O'Brien
Commissioner

¹ Document No. 13/21 dated 1 March 2013