

**COMPLETED ACQUISITION BY MACQUARIE UK BROADCAST VENTURES LTD
OF NATIONAL GRID WIRELESS GROUP**

**Notice of extension of inquiry period published pursuant to section 107(2)(c) of
the Enterprise Act 2002**

On 8 August 2007 the Office of Fair Trading made a reference to the Competition Commission (CC) under section 22 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) concerning the completed acquisition by Macquarie UK Broadcast Ventures Limited of National Grid Telecoms Investment Limited, Lattice Telecommunications Asset Development Company Limited, and National Grid Wireless No.2 Limited. The period in which the report on this reference was to be prepared and published (the reference period) was due to expire on 22 January 2008.

The group of members of the CC appointed to consider this reference (the Group) has decided that the reference period should be extended by eight weeks under section 39(3) of the Act. The revised reference period will expire on 18 March 2008.

The CC's provisional findings identify a substantial lessening of competition in the supply of managed transmission services and network access to both television broadcasters and radio broadcasters. The Group notes that the structure of supply in these markets is complex and that the industry is currently involved in a major infrastructure upgrade as part of the switch from analogue to digital television broadcasting. The parties have submitted that significant customer benefits result from the merger.

The Group has concluded that it wishes to explore the range of possible remedies and any relevant customer benefits not only with the parties but also with customers and other interested parties, including Ofcom. The Group considers that the completion of its investigation and the publication of its final report, including the remedies process, will not be possible within the original reference period.

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