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Miss Agnes Wong
Director-General of Communications
Office of the Communications Authority

Dear Miss Wong,

Facilitation measures for opening up government premises and public facilities to roll out 5G networks

I refer to the new policy initiative announced in the Policy Address 2018, with regard to implementing facilitation measures for opening up suitable government premises and public facilities for mobile network operators to roll out 5G networks. I appreciate the efforts of the OFCA in streamlining the application and vetting procedures and taking up the coordinating role with various government departments to speed up the lengthy process.

LPWAN technology is also a core component of a Smart City. In the foreseeable future, more sensor devices will be installed in Hong Kong for providing various services. It would be highly desirable if Wireless IoT licensees are also eligible to the enhanced facilitation measures that provide better access to government premises and public facilities for the deployment of WIoT network backbone, as they face the same challenges as mobile network operators in securing locations for installing antennas.

I hope to understand the OFCA's views on (1) whether WIoT licensees can apply to install necessary equipment for rolling out LPWAN at the suitable government facilities identified by the OFCA; and (2) whether existing MNOs can apply for access to the new shortlisted government sites to enhance and broaden their 4G LTE network coverage, in addition to supporting 5G service roll out.



Enabling the network rollout for implementation of automated M2M type data communications can facilitate the development of emerging and innovative IoT services that can bring benefit to the Hong Kong community. Providing such assistance and engaging relevant stakeholders in these discussions would be encouraging to the ICT and telecommunications sector working to provide IOT services to the public at lower cost.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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