



# **Regulatory Policy**

## **Price Control**

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| Version | Issue Date        | Reason for Revision                                                                          |
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| 2.1     | 23 September 2008 | To expedite certain approvals and address price decreases during periods of public emergency |
| 2.0     | 01 August 2005    | To include exemption from full price control regulation.                                     |
| 1.0     | 01 March 2005     |                                                                                              |
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#### 1. Definitions

The term "Prices" herein refers to tariffs, charges and fees levied by Licensees as well as any other terms, conditions or other qualifications which may be related to such Prices.

#### 2. Scope

This Regulatory Policy applies to all retail and wholesale Prices under the oversight of the TRA, with the exception of Interconnection Service prices.

#### 3. Prohibitions

- 3.1. A Licensee shall not put into effect any Price which is anti-competitive and which could restrict, distort or prevent competition in the short term or in the long term.
- 3.2. A Licensee shall not put into effect any Price which could restrict, distort or prevent the growth and development of the telecommunication sector of the UAE.
- 3.3. Exceptions may apply for temporary Price decreases during periods of public emergency, at the discretion of the TRA.

#### 4. Approval

- 4.1. A Licensee shall request prior approval from the TRA for any new or changed Price, in accordance with the TRA's Price Control Regulatory Procedure.
- 4.2. The TRA may, at its sole discretion, accept or reject a Licensee's request. Reasons for rejection may include matters of public interest.
- 4.3. If a request is accepted by the TRA, the TRA may, at its sole discretion, approve or deny a Licensee's request.
- 4.4. A Licensee may withdraw a pending request.

#### 5. Approval Status Change

5.1. The TRA may, at its sole discretion, amend, revoke or suspend a prior approval based on a change in circumstance.





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5.2. Approvals which have not been implemented within six (6) months from the date of approval shall lapse and the relevant Licensee shall not implement the Price until a new approval has been obtained.

#### 6. Compliance with Concurrent Obligations

- 6.1. It is the responsibility of the relevant Licensee to ensure that before any service is introduced, the Price and service are in compliance with the TRA's entire Regulatory Framework as well as any conditions imposed by any other competent authority.
- 6.2. Under no circumstances shall an approval with respect to this Regulatory Policy be construed as a waiver or excusal of any other relevant conditions or obligations.

#### 7. Effective Date

7.1. This Regulatory Policy shall be effective on the date of issuance.

#### 8. Publication

8.1. The TRA reserves the right to publish this Regulatory Policy, or any portion thereof, at its sole discretion and without notice to the Licensees.

#### 9. Revocation

9.1. This Regulatory Policy replaces the TRA's Price Control Policy, Version 2.0 issued on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2005.