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Organisation

Organisation (if applicable):

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What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:

No

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Additional comments:

the dab consultation document looks very well put together and as far as I can see explains everything pretty well ,I am very interested and would like to be a part of the trial and see no constants with regards to anything mentioned in the paper infract we already have most of the requirements in place to fill out the draft application form

Question 1: Do you agree that we have identified the objectives which the small scale DAB multiplex trial should seek to achieve?:

just 1 question does the current trail equipment allow for dab plus in the future ?

Question 2: Are there any other questions or issues which the small scale DAB multiplex trial should seek to address?:

the only questions I would ask are relevant after the trial has finished these are

1 if somebody owns a local multiplex who decides who goes on the multiplex ie if a local community station is on the multiplex and then a number of commercial stations apply to go on the multiplex narrowing the advertising revenue for the community station what this impact may be

2 if a community radio station owns the multiplex can it swap an allocation on its multiplex with another multiplex owner in another area

3 are there any constraints with regards to advertising that a community radio station already broadcasts on fm being broadcasted on the dab trial

4 would the stations on the dab trial be able to advertise the fact there on dab and what are the constraints ie listen out for our TRIAL dab transmission on your dab radio

Question 3: Do you agree with our proposed technical licence conditions?:

the diagrams that show the equipment layout distribution:2.11 says that the internet could be used to distribute the audio ,also a 5.8ghz link would also be suitable after reading the trial that was run in Brighton.

also I noticed that in the equipment requirements there is no mention of recording the output of the broadcast. does this have to be done ?

Question 4: Do you agree with our approach to non-technical licence conditions and requirements?:

after reading the dab Consultation document I have found one thing that could be added and that is to bring the cost of the dsp licence onto the document ie it gives a link to the licence required and with investigation there is a cost of
Application fee £250, annual licence fee £100

Question 5: Do you agree with our proposed approach to awarding trial licences?:

yes I agree with the proposed approach .due to the time constants and required infrastructure Ofcom needs to trial the local dab multiplexes with those that can sustain a service with the least hurdles to gain to most reliable and consistent results .

Question 6: Do you agree with our proposals set out in this section in relation to final reporting obligations, the recovery of the equipment and the extension of trial licence duration?:

if there is a structured report form drawn up for participants to fill in during the trial and after I see no problem with the proposed report requirements perhaps with the addition of a printable map that participants can fill in there selves to report back with. "some of us find that fun "and also we could fill in the coverage from on air surveys carried out throughout the trial and also stations could set up a text line service for people to text in if they are listening on dab and where they are to collect data ,this can be done for free with no cost .