

Vodafone's response to Ofcom's consultation

On 870-876 MHz and 915-921 MHz

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Summary and conclusions

Vodafone supports the proposals set out by Ofcom in the consultation.

The usage of 870-876MHz and 915-921MHz spectrum with appropriate technical parameters is essential to provide a cost-effective mechanism for providing data communications to energy smart meters.



Vodafone also notes that in order to utilise this spectrum on release for smart metering purposes as part of a commercial preposition, an amendment to the established statutory instrument SI 2003/74 could additionally be required. Vodafone urges Ofcom to progress this amendment concurrently with other release activities to mitigate the risk of any delay.

In order to avoid cost impacts we urge Ofcom to keep to the timeline proposed in the consultation, and in parallel to develop contingency plans to cope with the scenario of the CEPT output being delayed.

Answers to questions [⊁]

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