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Briefly on communications

Open datas

The Czech Telecommunications Office (hereinafter referred to as "the Office") has made available the first ten data sets which meet the attributes of open data. It is therefore possible to obtain in machine-readable format for example the statistics of the inspections and fines imposed, list of public telephones, or data serving as a basis for the Price barometer. The Office thus fulfils its commitment of the last year by joining the Open Data project to help increase transparency of public administration.

Audit of the operators' contract terms

The Office checked in all three mobile operators and other forty selected providers of publicly available services of electronic communications how they have incorporated into their contract terms the obligations stipulated by the amendment of the Electronic Communications Act. Results of the check are provided on page 6.

Publication of the auction results

The Office published on its website the final report of the process and results of the frequency auction for high-speed mobile Internet. The document published included also a detailed report of the process of the electronic auction. Similarly, also results of the first auction commenced in 2012 were published.



Decision history of the Office:

Fine in the amount of CZK 1.5 million for Czech Post for late delivery

In early April the Czech Telecommunications Office dismissed the administrative appeal of the Czech Post (Česká pošta) (hereinafter referred to as "Post") challenging the first-level decision of the Office dated 4 November 2013 and confirmed the imposition of the fine in the amount of CZK 1,500,000.

The penalty was imposed on the Post by the first-level decision based on the results of the monitoring of the times of delivery of ordinary mailings. The Post committed an offence by achieving the result of 93.23 % of mailings delivered the next business day, according to the results of measurement of delivery times of mailings thrown into mailboxes in 2012, and thus failed to meet the requirement laid down by the postal license which defines

as a minimum for the calendar year 2012 at least 95 % mailings delivered the next business day. The obligation was therefore not complied with by 1.77 percentage point. The first-level administrative body assessed the matter legally and issued the decision primarily based on the audited results of the measurement of delivery times for the year 2012. In 2012 the delivery time was measured in 29,261 mailings monitored, out of which 8,459 were thrown into

mailboxes. Out of these check mailings, 7,891 were delivered no later than the next business day. The amount of the fine was influenced by the fact that ordinary mailings were typically delayed by just one business day in individual cases, and the unlawful conduct was therefore less severe.

In its administrative appeal the Post suggested that the chairman of the Council of the Office cancel the contested decision and discontinue the proceeding, referring to the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms which includes the principle of using in justified cases a regulation more favourable for the

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Situation on the electronic communication market

Telefónica

Customers of Telefónica Czech Republic, a.s. (Telefónica) are entitled to a special reduced price of the digital television O2 TV service if they are simultaneously using also Internet access based on xDSL technology on the same connection line. It is not relevant who provides the Internet access service.

Within the extended short-term marketing campaign, which lasts until 30 April 2014, customers who use the digital TV services with the plan called O2 TV Start have access to the following programs: NOVA HD, ČT HD and ČT sport HD.

vodafone

In March 2014 Vodafone Czech Republic a.s. (Vodafone) offered a discount on selected Red plans. A customer who ordered the Red plan with commitment for 24 months for CZK 699 per month through Vodafone's eShop got a plan with monthly fee of CZK 612 (discount of CZK 87 per month). The reduced price is conditional upon minimum monthly payment of CZK 490 per month. In the case of the Red plan altogether the customer pays CZK 888 per month (discount of CZK 111 per month). The discount is conditional upon minimum payment of CZK 690 per month. In the case of the Red Premium plan the customer pays CZK 1 332 per month (discount of CZK 167 per month). The reduced price of the plan is conditional upon minimum payment of CZK 990 per month. The offer is time-limited until 31 March 2014. If the customer does not meet the condition of the minimum monthly payment he/she will not be granted the discount and a fee in the original amount of the fixed fee is charged for the rest of the contract term.

T-Mobile

At the beginning of March 2014 T-Mobile Czech Republic a.s. (T-Mobile) offered the holders of the prepaid Twist card a bonus credit in the amount of CZK 100. Every customer who recharged the credit with the minimum amount of CZK 300 automatically got a credit increase by CZK 100. The maximum amount of the bonus credit that could be received over the period of the offer with one telephone number was CZK 1000. The bonus credit is used first and is valid for the period of three months from the date of crediting. The offer is time-limited until 31 March 2014.



Starting 23 March 2014, UPC Česká republika s.r.o. (UPC) modified prices for telephone services. UPC customers who have been using the Kredit plan for phone calls will be switched to plans under the Telefon plan family. Unless the customers choose a different plan from the existing offer and have been using, for example, Kredit 50, will be switched to Telefon 50. Within the Telefon 50 plan they will pay CZK 60 per month instead of CZK 52.43 per month, an amount which they were paying under Kredit 50. The number of free minutes in the Telefon 50 plan is reduced to half relative to the Kredit 50 plan (100 free minutes for calls to landlines within the Czech Republic) but they can be used for calls to fixed and mobile networks within the Czech Republic and for calls to the fixed networks of most European countries, USA and Canada (zone 0). After having used up the free minutes within the Telefon 50 plan the customer pays CZK 2.75 per minute for calls to mobile and fixed networks within the Czech Republic and abroad (zone 0). Within the orig-

inal plan, Kredit 50, after having used up the free minutes, the customer paid CZK 1.16 per minute for calls to fixed networks within the Czech Republic during the peak hours and CZK 0.58 per minute outside the peak hours; CZK 4.95 per minute for calls to mobile networks within the Czech Republic, and the price of international calls was from CZK 1.94 per minute. No price is charged for calls within own network.

airtelecom

At the beginning of March 2014 Air Telecom offered a 25% discount on the data plan called "Mobilní internet 8 GB" with data limit 8 GB and maximum (theoretical) data transmission speed 3.1 Mbit/s. For the first six months the customer pays CZK 217 per month, then the price of the monthly fee goes back to the original level of CZK 289 per month. The offer is conditional upon signing a contract for 24 months.



Starting 5 March 2014, RIO Media, provider of Internet access, digital TV and voice services (in the region of North Bohemia, Klatovy, Olomouc and North Moravia), reduced the one-off prices for the TV connection service (through optical or optical-metallic network) from CZK 1,499 to CZK 399 and also reduced some prices for the TV connection services provided in combination with Internet connection from CZK 1,499 to CZK 499.

Starting 5 March 2014 RIO Media increased the monthly prices in some packages of the TV and Internet connection services. For example, in the package called "TV Mini a Data Light" the standard monthly price was increased by CZK 26 from CZK 499 per month to CZK 525 per month. In the package called "TV Base a Data High" the monthly price was increased by CZK 76 from CZK 849 per month to CZK 925 per month.

Radio spectrum management

General authorizations

On 12 February, the CTO Council approved, for public consultation, a draft amendment of General Authorization No. VO-R/1/11.2012-13 to operate user

terminals of electronic communications radio networks. The reason for the change to the General Authorization is particularly the need to implement European Commission Implementing De-

cision No. 2013/654/EU and to perform adjustments resulting from the update of the Radio Spectrum Utilisation Plan (RSUP), decisions and recommendations of the CEPT.

Virtual operators market

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<p>Gorila mobil Started its business: on 17 March 2014 Company: Gorila mobil a.s. Network operator: Telefónica</p>	<p>A new virtual operator, Gorila mobil, is offering its two basic plans "Gorila EASY" and "Gorila PRO" in the form of a monthly fee. For customers with a prepaid card the operator offers the possibility to purchase an additional mobile Internet package "Gorila Instant Day" and "Gorila Easy".</p>
<p>+4U Mobile Started its business: in March 2014 (calls, SMS, data) Company: Plus4U Net a.s. Network operator: T-Mobile</p>	<p>The operator is offering four basic plans "+4U Raw", "+4U Rare", "+4U Medium" and "+4U Well Done" and two data plans "+4U Data 3GB" and "+4U Data 10GB" in versions with commitment for 6 months, with no commitment, and for corporate customers. With the plans the operator offers also the possibility to purchase additional packages "20 MMS do všech sítí v ČR" (20 MMS to all networks in the Czech Republic, "40 SMS do ostatních sítí v ČR" (40 SMS to other networks in the Czech Republic) and "80 minut volání do ostatních sítí v ČR" (80 minutes of calls to other networks in the Czech Republic).</p>
<p>City Mobile New mobile Internet service Company: City mobile s.r.o. Network operator: GTS Czech</p>	<p>Mobile virtual operator City Mobile started offering new fixed Internet connection in March 2014. The operator is offering its services under the name CityNET DSL with speed 8 Mbit/s for CZK 429 per month, with speed 20 Mbit/s for CZK 449 per month and with speed 40 Mbit/s for CZK 549 per month, all with commitment for 12 months. Service activation costs CZK 1, and the customer has the option to buy a modem Zyxel Prestige or get it in the form of a monthly lease.</p>
<p>MOBIL.CZ New price list Company: MAFRA, a.s. Network operator: T-Mobile</p>	<p>Virtual operator MOBIL.CZ issued on 1 March 2014 a new price list of its mobile services where it permanently reduced the price of calls to all networks within the Czech Republic to CZK 2.20 per minute. According to this price list, the operator is offering a packaged called "Třicítka" which costs CZK 57 and gives the customer 30 minutes of calls to all networks within the Czech Republic (CZK 1.90 per minute) with billing 60+1.</p>
<p>fayn New additional services Company: FAYN Telecommunications s.r.o. Network operator: Vodafone</p>	<p>Starting 5 March 2014, mobile virtual operator fayn started offering additional services of Internet access with data limits 500 MB and 1000 MB for the existing plans "fayn TOP", "fayn MEDIUM" and "fayn BASIC". The additional mobile Internet package with data limit of 500 MB is offered for CZK 200 per month and mobile Internet package with data limit of 1000 MB for CZK 340 per month.</p>
<p>Private Mobile New plan Company: Private Mobile a.s. Network operator: Vodafone</p>	<p>Starting 18 March 2014, virtual mobile operator Private Mobile is offering a new plan called "EXTRA" for CZK 199 per month. In addition to the plan, a customer can purchase one of the previously offered packages with data limit of 150 MB, 300 MB, 500 MB or 1000 MB or a data package for 24 hours with limit of 25 MB. The operator reduced the prices of the data packages with limits of 300 MB, 500 MB and 1000 MB offered for "STANDARD", "VIP" and "BUSINESS" plans. The operator charges customers, starting 18 March 2014, a lower price for incoming calls within roaming in zone 1 in the amount of CZK 2.19 per minute (the original price was CZK 2.60 per minute).</p>
<p>Relax Mobil Prepaid cards Company: BEI MULTIMEDIA INTERACTIVE s.r.o., Network operator: T-Mobile</p>	<p>On 20 March 2014 virtual operator Relax Mobil extended its currently provided mobile services to offer prepaid cards. When reaching spending over CZK 200 or over CZK 500 the operator charges the customers lower rates for calls, SMS and MMS.</p>

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offender at the time. The Post therefore believed that it would be possible to apply to year 2012 the current indicator according to the applicable decree, which is 92 % of mailings delivered the first business day following the day on which they were mailed. The Post also stated that the scope of the penalized conduct was negligible and unnoticeable from the point of view of the users of the postal services because the difference between the result achieved and the result required is mere 1.77 percentage point.

The second-level administrative body, with respect to the argument of the Czech Post stated in the administrative appeal, states that on 1 January 2013 an act which amends the postal services act and some other acts came into effect. The amendment also affected Chapter VII of the postal ser-

vices act regulating administrative offences. The amendment, however, did not change the provision of the postal services act applicable to this case.

In its actions, the Office must proceed according to the diction of the law, unlike courts which are not absolutely bound by the literal wording of the provisions but can and must depart from it if required, for material reasons, by the purpose of the law, history of its origination, or any of the principles which are based on the constitution-conforming legal complex.

The second-level administrative body also stated that in the assessment of the scope of the unlawful conduct the first-level administrative body correctly stated that Czech Post failed to comply with the defined obligation to deliver at least 95 % ordinary mailings the next business day, the difference

being 1.77 %. In fact, the Czech Post did not dispute the achieved result of 93.23 % for the year 2012 in the administrative appeal lodged.

In terms of the actual quantification of the non-delivered mailings, the relevant fact for the determination of the amount of the fine is the ascertainment of the number of mailings which could be affected by the unlawful delay. In the case under review it was approximately 1.51 million mailings, which means that the conduct of the Czech Post is quite extensive because it is really high number of mailings. When assessing the penalty, the first-level administrative body took into account that the delay of mailings was typically one day, due to which the penalty imposed was in the upper half of the statutory interval, but not in the highest possible amount.

conclusions of the previous analysis.

Market analyses

Market No. 1 – access to public telephone network at a fixed location and market No. 6 – wholesale terminating segments of leased lines, irrespective of the technology used to provide leased or dedicated capacity

On 12 March 2014 the Council of the Office discussed and approved analyses of market No. 1 and market No. 6 for submission to the European Commission for the purpose of notification.

Market No. 2 – call origin (origination) in the public telephone network at a fixed location

On 13 March 2014, decision No. REM/2/03.2014-34 on imposition of obligations on Telefónica based on the result of the analysis of relevant market No. 2 came into force. The aforesaid decision imposed an obligation to allow access to

specific network elements and allocated resources, an obligation to keep separate records of costs and revenues, and obligations of transparency and non-discrimination.

At the same time, on 13 March the decision on price control No. CEN/2/03.2014-33 came into force.

Market No. 3 – call termination on individual public mobile telephone networks provided at a fixed location

The Council of the Office decided to define 24 entities as undertakings with significant market power in relevant market No. 3 (call termination on individual public mobile telephone networks provided at a fixed location), and in the case of seven other undertakings which no longer operate in this wholesale market, the Council decided to cancel their definition as an undertaking with significant market power according to the

Market No. 7 – voice call termination on individual public mobile telephone networks

On 18 March 2014 the public consultation of draft decision on imposition of obligations based on the result of the analysis of relevant market No. 7 ended. Telefónica Czech Republic, a.s. and Vodafone Czech Republic a.s. raised comments within the public consultation.

The Council of the Office also decided to define 4 entities as undertakings with significant market power in relevant market No. 7 (voice call termination on individual public mobile telephone networks).

The proposed corrective measures, including price control, were presented by the Office after incorporation of the results of the public consultation to the Office for the protection of Competition for comments.

Universal service

On 4 April 2014 the Office published a call to raise comments on the proposed decision to allow people with special social needs within the universal service in accordance with Section 44 and Section 45 of the Electronic Communications Act to

choose prices or price plans which are different from the price plans provided under normal commercial terms, so that these people could have access to and could use partial services and the publicly available telephone service. The decision plan

was prepared by the Office in connection with the expiry of the previous decision on this issue (ref. No. ČTÚ-43 632/2011-610/VI. vyř. dated 7 June 2011). Comments on the proposal can be raised within one month of the publication of the call.

...performance of communication activities without authorization – The Office discovered two cases of performance of communication activities without authorization. Subsequently it will open administrative proceedings with the providers.

...compliance with the conditions of individual authorizations for the use of radio frequencies– the Office carried out 47 audits of compliance with the conditions of individual authorizations for the use of radio frequencies, focusing primarily on the operators of UHF FM transmitters. Subsequently it issued 12 requests to remedy the deficiencies and opened administrative proceeding.

...compliance with the conditions of general authorization No. VO-R/12/09.2010-12 to use radio frequencies and operate facilities for broadband data transmission in the bands from 2.4 GHz to 66 GHz– the Office carried out 117 audits. In 53 cases it discovered deficiencies, in particular use of indoor frequencies outside buildings and use of frequencies of meteorological radars. The Office requested remedy and started administrative proceedings in this matter.

...use of radio frequencies without authorization – the Office carried out 49 inspections focusing on entities using frequencies without authorization, in particular operators of wifi equipment outside the permitted frequency bands – eight operators of terrestrial mobile service, nine operators of amateur service and 32 operators whose individual authorizations have expired. In six cases the Office discovered use of radio frequencies without authorization and will open administrative proceedings in the matter.

...sources of interference with the operation of electronic communication facilities and networks, provision of services of electronic communications or operation of radio communication services – the Office carried out 97 local investigations, of which 23 interference with meteorological radars and 16 interferences with public GSM and UMTS networks. The sources of interference identified in March 2014 were Wifi devices (18), short-range equipment radiation (5) and the radiation of active TV antennas and DECT handsets. The main cause of poor quality reception of DVB-T are defects of TV receiver antennas.

Cooperation between the Office and Česká obchodní inspekce (the Czech Trade Inspection Authority) – During the process of checking of the vendors of telecommunication terminal and radio equipment within the cooperation between the Office and Česká obchodní inspekce (the Czech Trade Inspection Authority) in Hřensko and Petrovice in Děčín region, in Česká Lípa and in Rumburk the authorities discovered the sale of models of radio-controlled models of cars working in the 45 MHz and 49 MHz bands. Such radio equipment cannot be operated in the Czech Republic without an individual authorization for the use of radio frequencies. The authorities also discovered the sale of wireless doorbells operating in bands from 306 to 331 MHz reserved for the Ministry of Defense in the Czech Republic. During the check of the vendors of telecommunication terminal and radio equipment within the cooperation between the Office and Česká obchodní inspekce (the Czech Trade Inspection Authority) in Malenovice the authorities discovered the sale of six radio-controlled models which did not comply with the requirements of VO-R/15/08.2005-27. The deficiencies discovered are resolved by the Czech Trade Inspection Authority within its scope of powers.

Overview of inspection activities in the performance of state inspection of electronic communications for the month of March 2014

Type of activity	Number of certifications or inspections		Number of requests to eliminate deficiencies	Number of administrative proceedings commenced	Number of decisions issued ^{*)}	Decided in favor of the subscriber of the provider	Fines imposed number	Fines imposed amount in CZK
	Total	of which						
1. Number of certifications notifying business activities issued (Section 14 of ECA)	18							
2. Number of changes of certifications notifying business activities (Section 14)	50							
3. Performance of communication activities without certification	2			1	1		1	10000
4. Observance of conditions of general authorisations	141		53	13	11		11	138000
a) for the operation of public communication networks and associated facilities		0	0	0	0		0	0
b) for the provision of services of electronic communications		0	0	1	0		0	0
c) for the use of radio frequencies and operation of instruments (radio equipment)		141	53	12	11		11	138000
5. Inspection of radio frequencies	193		12	8	10		10	58000
a) use of radio frequencies without authorisation for the use thereof		49		6	6		6	31000
b) observance of conditions of individual authorisation for the use of radio frequencies		47	12	2	4		4	27000
c) locating sources of interference of operation of electronic communication equipment and networks, provision of services of electronic communication or operation of radiocommunication services		97	0	0	0		0	0
6. Inspection of numbers for the purposes of management of numbers (number of inspection calls)	0		0	0	0		0	0
a) use of numbers without authorisation for their use		0		0	0		0	0
b) use of numbers in violation of the authorisation for their use		0	0	0	0		0	0
7. Settlement of subscribers' disputes	0			314	12353	3278	6954	
a) on objection against the processing of claim regarding a service provided		0		0	2	2	0	
b) on objection against the processing of claim regarding the billing of the prices for the services		0		19	26	6	2	
ba) on access to data services with specific price (data and voice)		0		0	0	0	0	
baa) on access to data services with specific price provided on the Internet or on other data networks (Dialer)		0		0	0	0	0	
c) on the payment of price for services (cash compensation)		0		283	12325	3270	6952	
d) other		0		12	0	0	0	
8. Failure to provide information pursuant to Section 115 of ECA				8	8		8	20000
9. Other	18		6	24	19		16	132500
TOTAL	352		71	368	12402	3278	6954	358500

^{*)} the total number of decisions issued includes also cases of termination of administrative proceedings in the form of resolution, i.e., cases of death of the subscriber, dissolution of a company, discontinuation of the proceedings ex lege (bankruptcy), incompetency to decide, etc.



Postal services

In March 2014 two decisions on imposition of a fine on Česká pošta came into effect. The first fine pertains to the deposition of 436 mailings within the basic services without attempting to deliver them in standard manner at the recipient's address. This unlawful conduct of Česká pošta affected customers within the range of the post-office in Depo Říčany u Prahy 70 at the end of 2011 and in March and April 2012. Problems with the delivery of mailings in Říčany region, however, have been addressed by the Office continuously since 2010. With respect

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to the seriousness of the administrative offence, the Office decided to impose a fine in the amount of CZK 1,450,000 .

The second fine was imposed on Česká pošta for the violation of Decree No. 464/2012 Sb. (Collection of Laws), on definition of specification of different ba-

sic services and the basic quality requirements for the provision thereof consisting if a failure to disclose in a manner allowing remote access the information on the cases where delivery to the address of every individual or legal entity is exceptionally not provided. According to the information of Česká pošta, there

are currently 89 such exceptional cases.

In March the Office issued two certificates confirming the authorization to carry out business in the area of postal services. The current list of registered providers of postal services or international postal services is available at the Office's website in the search database.

Overview of inspection activities in performance of state inspection of postal services and subscriber disputes for the month March 2014

Type of activity	Number		number of measures in the interest of proper provision of services	number of administrative proceedings from the preceding month	number of administrative proceedings commenced	number of decisions issued	Decided in			Fines imposed		number of administrative proceedings passing to the next month
	total	of which					the subscriber	the provider	Other	number	amount in CZK	
1. 1 Number of certifications notifying business activities issued	2											
2. 2 Number of changes of certifications notifying business activities	0											
3. 3 Performance of postal activities without certification	0			0	0	0				0	0	0
4. 4 Observance of conditions of the Postal Services Act (hereinafter referred to as "PSA") and other regulations	0		0	1	1	1				1	5000	1
5. 5 Observance of postal conditions pursuant to Section 6 of the PSA		0	0	1	1	1				1	5000	1
6. 6 Observance of the conditions of quality requirements pursuant to Decree No. 464/2012		0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0
5. 7 Decisions on objections against the processing of a claim pursuant to Section 6a of the PSA	0			1	2	0	0	0	0			3
6. 8 Decisions on disputes pursuant to Section 37 (3) a) of the PSA	0			0	0	0	0	0	0			0
7. 9 Failure to provide information pursuant to Section 32 a) of the PSA				0	0	0				0	0	0
8. 10 Other	0		0	2	6	3				3	13000	5
TOTAL	2		0	4	9	4	0	0	0	4	18000	9

The Office on the consumer's side

In March 2014:

- ◆ the Office opened 314 administrative proceedings pertaining to subscriber disputes between a person performing communication activities, on the one hand, and a participant, on the other hand, concerning payments and motions for opening proceeding on objection against the settlement of a complaint about the billing of the price or publicly available service of electronic communications which are decided by the Office pursuant to Section 129 of the Electronic Communications Act.
- ◆ The Office issued 12,353 decisions on the subject,
- ◆ of which 12,325 decisions on the subject payment (payment of price for services).

In March 2014 the Office completed the analysis of the contract terms of the operators and other providers of services of electronic communications which are aimed at verifying how they have incorporated the amendment of the Electronic Communications Act č. 214/2013 Sb. (Collection of Laws).

The Office primarily checked whether the operators use the same terms with respect to contracts signed for a definite period as with respect to contracts for indefinite period. In this context, the Office focused on the issue of the amount of payment required by the providers in the event of early termination of the contract. The amount of payment is, since the coming into force of the above-mentioned amendment of the Electronic Communications Act, not more than one fifth of the sum of monthly fees

remaining until the end of the agreed-upon contract term, or one fifth of the sum of the minimum agreed-upon monthly payment remaining until the end of the agreed-upon contract term.

During the analysis the Office discovered that the contract terms of some providers contain a provision according to which the subscriber is offered a discount on the price of the services if he/she commits to using the services for a certain period. It includes different "loyalty discounts," etc. In the event of termination of such a contract before the expiration of the period of commitment to use the services at a discounted price the provider charges not only the payment in the amount of one fifth of the sum of monthly fees remaining until the end of the agreed-upon contract term, or one fifth of the sum of the mi-

nimum agreed-upon monthly payment remaining until the end of the agreed-upon contract term but also the difference between the price of the services without the commitment and the price of the services with the commitment for the period over which the subscriber agreed to use the services.

The Office recommends that subscribers use increased care if they have contracts in which they are provided with a discount on the price of the services in exchange for the commitment to use the provider's services for a certain period and that they check, if applicable, whether their provider changed the contract terms in connection with the incorporation of the amendment of the Electronic Communications Act č. 214/2013 Sb. (Collection of Laws). In this respect, the Office is carrying out further investigation to check whether this is not circumvention of Section 63 (1) p) of the Electronic Communications Act, which lays down the statutory limitation for payment associated with early termination of a contract.

Within the review of the first-level decisions, the Office imposed a fine in the amount of CZK 10,000.00 for an administrative offence pursuant to Section 118 (5) b) of the Electronic Communications Act. The offence was committed by an individual – entrepreneur by failing to provide information and materials requested by the Office pursuant to Section 115 of the Electronic Communications Act.

Parliamentary committee ITRE voted on 18 March on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down measures concerning the European single market for electronic communications and to achieve a Connected Continent, and amending Directives 2002/20/EC, 2002/21/EC and 2002/22/EC and Regulations (EC) No 1211/2009 and (EU) No 531/2012. The proposal was supported by 30 MEPs, 12 were against it, 14 MEPs abstained. Adoption of the measure must be approved by the assembly of the European Parliament and the EU Council. The material is on agenda on 3 April 2014.

On 13 March the assembly of the European Parliament passed a Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning measures to ensure a high common level of network and information security across the Union. The purpose of it is to ensure a high common level of network and information security, i.e., among other things, to increase security of the Internet and private networks and information systems on which the functioning of the society and economy is based to a great extent.

The Official Journal of the European Union published on 21 March the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) No. 283/2014 dated 11 March 2014 on guidelines for trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure and repealing decision No. 1336/97/EC which is directly applicable and enters into force on the first day after published in the Official Journal of the European Union. This regulation lays down the guidelines for timely deployment and

interoperability of common-interest projects in the area of trans-European networks in the area of telecommunications infrastructure.

The 47th meeting of the Radio Spectrum Committee (RSC) took place in Brussels on 19 – 20 March 2014. The main output from the meeting is the update of the Commission Decision 2008/411/EC regarding band 3.4 – 3.8 GHz, approval of the mandate of the Commission for CEPT for band 1.5 GHz, band 2.3 GHz, and discussion of the proposal for the implementation decision on the issue of PMSE, procedure for the 6th revision of the implementation decision of the Commission on short-range devices (SRD), and specification of the

requirements for the provision of data for the spectrum register.

The 58th meeting of COCOM took place in Brussels on 27 March 2014. The main point of the agenda was the summary semi-annual report of the European Commission on evaluation of the collection of broadband data and report on the use of the single emergency number 112 in the Member States. Information on the development of MSS (mobile satellite systems) was presented. The European Commission informed that it would prepare for the vote of the European Parliament on 3 April 2014 on TSM the final document of the proposal of the regulation which it intends to discuss quickly in the work group of the Council of Europe.

Recent meetings of the work groups of ITU and CEPT

The 36th meeting of the European Communications Committee (CEPT/ECC) took place in Cluj, Romania on 11 – 14 March 2014. The main points of the agenda included adoption of updated decisions ECC/DEC(06)11 on harmonization of the 3.5GHz band and decision ECC/DEC(06)07 on mobile communications on airplanes, status of the resolution of the mandates of the European Commission to the harmonization of the 3.5GHz band, harmonization of the 5GHz band, non-pair sections of the 2GHz band, 700MHz band, and to utilization of the licensed spectrum sharing (LSA) in the 2.3GHz band.

A meeting of the work group of CEPT/ECC/CPG for the preparation of World Radio-communication Conference (WRC-15) took place in Riga on 25 – 28 March 2014. Updates of the CEPT reports on the individual points of the conference program and proposals of joint European positions on parts of the points of the program were discussed. In spite of the significant progress in the unification of the view of the member administrations of the solution of the individual points there are still differences in the approach to program point AI 1.1 (identification of additional bands for IMT). The program point AI 1.2 (band 700 MHz) will require further discussion on protection of radio service in the band below 694 MHz and the method of coordination of the mobile with the radio navigation service systems.

WHO and ITU Initiative

World Health Organization (WHO) and International Telecommunication Union (ITU) agreed on a joint initiative in the occasion of this year's World Day of Vaccination (24 – 30 April 2014). They called on the Member States and their regulatory bodies to remind their citizens that they should seek information whether their

vaccination is still effective. One method can be sending text messages (SMS). The reference material for this initiative is in particular the fact that electronic communications are used by a majority of the population. For example, mobile networks are now used by more than 6 billion people.

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