



12<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

The Minister for Communications  
Ministry of Communications  
Ministries,  
Accra.

Dear Sir,

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – INTERCONNECT CLEARING HOUSE ISSUES**

OccupyGhana® in Pursuant to Article 21(1)(f) of the Constitution of the Republic of Ghana, respectfully seek the information listed below in respect of the purported Interconnect Clearinghouse (“ICH”) policy and license, and request that it be supplied in an expeditious manner.

1. Minutes and/or notes of all related meetings and discussions involving Ministry personnel, Ministers and Deputy Ministers, Directors, and outside persons, prior to NCA making its policy recommendation to the Ministry including without limitation to
  - a. Any presentations made
  - b. Name and title of participants, whether from within the Ministry or outside, including said persons’ personal experience in the design, construction, commissioning, operation, and maintenance of carrier-grade voice and data networks
  - c. All related correspondence prior to or following said meetings and discussions
  - d. Any input received or discussion with any person who was not at that time already a proponent of the interconnect clearinghouse
2. Details of all public or stakeholder consultations carried out prior to the purported adoption of the ICH policy, including without limitation to
  - a. Any presentations made by the Ministry or other participants
  - b. Name and title of participants on behalf of the Ministry, whether from within the Ministry or outside, including said persons’ personal experience in the design, construction, commissioning, operation, and maintenance of carrier-grade voice and data networks
  - c. Notes of comments made by non-Ministry attendees, including the names of such attendees and responses from personnel acting on behalf of the Ministry, whether at said consultation or subsequent thereto
  - d. Any information exchanged at said consultation(s) regarding the mandatory passing of interconnect traffic through the ICH
  - e. Any information exchanged at said consultation(s) regarding the private or public funding of construction and operation of the anticipated ICH, including capital and operating cost estimates and source of funds
3. Minutes and/or notes of all related meetings and discussions involving Ministry personnel, Ministers and Deputy Ministers, Directors, and outside persons, whether initiated by the

- Ministry or any other person, in which ICH policy recommendations from NCA were presented or discussed (per NCA mandate) or in which the purported policy was drafted and finalized including without limitation
- a. Any presentations made
  - b. Name and title of participants, whether from within the Ministry or outside, including said persons' personal experience in the design, construction, commissioning, operation, and maintenance of carrier-grade voice and data networks
  - c. Discussion on and/or analysis of the impact of requiring all interconnect traffic to pass through the ICH
  - d. Discussion on and/or analysis of regarding the private or public funding of construction and operation of the anticipated ICH, including capital and operating cost estimates and source of funds
  - e. All related correspondence prior to or following said meetings and discussions
4. All documentation and notes related to any formal or informal meeting in which the adoption and approval of the purported policy was discussed
5. Minutes and/or notes of all related meetings and discussions involving Ministry personnel, Ministers and Deputy Ministers, Directors, and outside persons, whether initiated by the Ministry or any other person, in which ICH policy recommendations were submitted to the Office of the President for Cabinet approval, including without limitation
- a. Any presentations made
  - b. Name and title of participants, whether from within the Ministry or outside, including said persons' personal experience in the design, construction, commissioning, operation, and maintenance of carrier-grade voice and data networks
  - c. Whether the views of persons or organizations who were not proponents of the ICH were put forth to the Cabinet
  - d. Discussion on and/or analysis of the impact of requiring all interconnect traffic to pass through the ICH
  - e. Discussion on and/or analysis of regarding the private or public funding of construction and operation of the anticipated ICH, including capital and operating cost estimates and source of funds
  - f. All related correspondence prior to or following said meetings and discussions
6. Details of all public or stakeholder consultations carried out subsequent to the purported adoption of the ICH policy, including without limitation
- a. Any presentations made by the Ministry or other participants
  - b. Name and title of participants on behalf of the Ministry, whether from within the Ministry or outside, including said persons' personal experience in the design, construction, commissioning, operation, and maintenance of carrier-grade voice and data networks
  - c. Notes of comments made by non-Ministry attendees, including the names of such attendees and responses from personnel acting on behalf of the Ministry, whether at said consultation or subsequent thereto
  - d. Any information exchanged at said consultation(s) regarding the mandatory passing of interconnect traffic through the ICH

- e. Any information exchanged at said consultation(s) regarding the private or public funding of construction and operation of the anticipated ICH, including capital and operating cost estimates and source of funds
7. All documentation and notes related to any formal or informal meeting or discussion at any time between Ministry personnel, including without limitation the Minister and Deputy Ministers, Directors, and Consultants or Advisors, and the entity selected by NCA to receive the ICH license
8. All documentation showing the approvals required by law for the disbursement of public funds toward construction and/or operation of the ICH

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Yours in the Service of occupying minds for God and Country.

**On behalf of OccupyGhana®**

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