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Telekom applies to introduce vectoring near local exchanges

Jochen Homann: "Companies need fair conditions enabling investments in modern broadband networks."

Telekom Deutschland GmbH ("Telekom") has applied to the Bundesnetzagentur for changes to the regulatory framework conditions for access to the local loop, or last mile, so as to allow the company to introduce vectoring near (within 550 metres of) a main distribution frame at a local exchange.

"I am pleased that Telekom has now submitted its planned request. The Ruling Chamber responsible will discuss the company's proposals with all interested market players in a transparent and open-minded way and will take a decision as soon as possible", said Jochen Homann, Bundesnetzagentur President.

Currently it is only possible for technical reasons to feed in VDSL signals at a main distribution frame in a local exchange, where local loops end, and not at a nearby sub-loop distribution frame, or street cabinet. This is to prevent mutual interference between VDSL signals fed in at two points close together. Telekom states that its competitors' present options to access the local loop at the exchange need to be restricted so as to enable vectoring to be introduced at the cabinets as well.

"The Bundesnetzagentur is open to any technical options and innovations that can help drive forward broadband development. The success of broadband rollout depends on all companies having fair and reliable conditions for their investments in modern broadband networks", Mr Homann stressed.

In August 2013 the Bundesnetzagentur published a decision giving the green light for vectoring at cabinets further away from exchanges.

Telekom's application will be published shortly on the Bundesnetzagentur's website together with further information about the procedure. Ruling Chamber 3 will hold its first public hearing on the proposals on 13 March 2015.