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# Glossary

TERM	DEFINITION
Flat-rate tariffs	Tariffs that charge the same retail rate for calls
	to any subscriber.
Dynamic tariffs	Are tariff plans which offer lower retail prices
	depending on the time of day and location.
In-bundle rate	Manx telecom refers to this as a package in
	which a subscriber is offered allocated capacity
	at a lower price; anything used within this
	package is charged at in-bundle rates.
On-Net (On network) Tariff	Manx telecom defines this as the price per
	minute of a call from a mobile cellular prepaid
	telephone to a mobile cellular subscriber of the
	same network.
Out-of-Bundle-Rate	The ESSUC (2018) defines this rate as the price
	that an end user is charged upon depletion of
	the allocated bundle.
Off-Net (Off network) tariff	This according to Manx Telecom, is the price per
	minute of a call from a mobile cellular prepaid
	telephone to a mobile cellular subscriber of
	another (competing) network.
Post-paid Plan	The ESSUC (2018) defines this as a service in
	which an end-user pays monthly subscription
	and usage charges at the end of each month for
	the allocation of voice minutes, SMS and data
	services.
Prepaid Plan	The ITU (2010), defines this as a mobile cellular
	service in which a subscriber pays in advance for
	the allocation of voice minutes, SMS and data in
	fixed amounts.

#### **Executive Summary**

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA, hereon referred to as the Authority) is mandated to regulate electronic communications in the public interest. In ensuring that it carries this mandate effectively, it monitors the information communications and technology (ICT) sector to ensure that interests of the consumers are promoted as per object 2(n) of the Electronic Communications Act No. 36 of 2005 (ECA, as amended). This tariff analysis report aims to ensure that end-users (customers) are aware of the various retail tariffs in the telecommunications sector which were filed with the Authority during the period of 01 July 2018 to 31 December 2018, as well as provide an update on initiatives which are currently underway to reduce the cost to communicate. This ensures that there is retail tariff transparency, which could potentially encourage competition as it is likely to minimise pricing and product information asymmetries in the sector.

Table 1 below shows the types of notifications received in the period 01 July 2018 to 31 December 2018.

Table 1: Type of Notifications received- 01 July 2018 to 31 December 2018

Notification Type	Cell C	Cybersmart	Francois O'Kennedy W.O.R.X	Metro Fibre	MT N	MWEB	Telko m	Vodacom	Grand Total
Amendment	23	1	1	1	8		7	15	56
Extension	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	12
New Product	15	1	-	-	8	1	4	13	42
Promotion	12	-	2	-	16	-	5	15	50
Termination	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	52	2	3	1	32	1	16	56	163

Source: ICASA database based on tariff notifications

The Authority received 163 tariff notifications, which included 50 promotions, 56 amendments, 12 extensions, 42 new products and 3 terminations during the period under review, i.e. 01 July 2018 to 31 December 2018.

Two new flat rate plans were introduced during the period under review, namely Vodacom 79c prepaid plan and Cell C's Default prepaid plan which charges customers R 1.75 across all networks. Cell C's new default plan is 165% higher than its previous default plan which was the 66c Prepaid plan. MTN introduced a

new flat rate plan for all new customers, named MTN Connect, which charges R 2 per minute across all networks and it is higher by 102% or R 1.01 when compare to its other flat rate tariff plan, i.e. the MTN Pay per Second Plan.

In terms of mobile prepaid data plan, the most prominent changes in the period under review were made by Cell C, such as the discontinuation of the 500MB bundle whilst introducing a 750MB bundle priced at R 100. This represents a 250% data value increase at an extra R 1, from what a customer previously paid for 500MB bundle. Cell C also introduced a 2.5GB bundle priced at R 249 and 4.6GB bundle for R 299¹. There were also changes to prepaid data bundles, whereby Telkom increased its out-of-bundle rate by 3.4% (from R 0.29 to R 0.30).

Furthermore, the Authority acknowledges that subscribers who signed up and used a variety of promotional tariffs provided by operators would have derived some benefit and/or experienced a reduction in standard tariff rates. For instance, MTN subscribers who are on Sim-only deals benefitted through the Double Your Data Promotion which was made available on the MyMTNChoice price plans ranging between 5GB and 50GB.

An overview of other<sup>2</sup> tariff notifications filed during the period under review is depicted in Annexure A and it shows that there has been competition in terms of the promotions offered by the licensees in the market. Annexure B shows promotions and tariff plans which ended during the period under review.

The Authority is currently working on various regulatory initiatives to address calls for a reduction in the cost of communication, particularly data prices. These are discussed in sub-section 3.4, and a brief progress report on these is provided. Key amongst these is the publication End-User Subscriber Service Charter (EUSSC) Regulations, *Gazette number: 41613* on 7 May 2018, as amended (*Gazette number 42225*, 2019) which brings about positive changes in how customers are billed, notified and charged for data services. The Authority published the Wholesale Call Termination Regulations on 28 of September 2018 which are aimed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> More Mobile Prepaid data prices and analysis is found in section 2.4. of this report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Other tariff notifications filed or received during the period under review which were not discussed in the main part of this report and continue to exist in the market after 31 December 2018.

at increasing the effectiveness of competition in the wholesale call termination services markets. The Authority is also currently conducting a Market inquiry process into the broadband services market to identify broadband markets or market segments susceptible to *ex ante* regulation in terms of section 67 of the ECA. This market has been prioritised following findings made in the Priority Markets Inquiry, which the Authority finalised and published its findings document on 17 August 2018.

#### 1. Introduction

In terms of the Standard Terms and Conditions for Individual Licences Regulations (*Government Gazette No. 33294*) of 2010 and End-user and Subscriber Service Charter Regulations (*Government Gazette No. 39898*) of 2016, individual licensees are required to file notifications of tariffs and promotions with the Authority, seven (7) days prior to launching them in the market. The analysis contained in this report is based on tariffs that were filed during the period of 01 July to 30 December 2018, and those which continued to exist in the market as at end of December 2018.

The purpose of the report is to highlight the different tariff plans (prices and product offerings) which were filed during the period under review. The aim of this report is aligned to object 2(n) of the ECA which is to "promote the interest of consumers with regard to the price, quality and the variety of electronic communication services" as it seeks to ensure that there is retail price transparency. This would enable customers to make an informed choice, in terms of tariff plan preferences and/or preferred service providers based on their different offerings.

Following the 2018/19 FY second quarter (Q2) Tariff Analysis Report, published on ICASA's website on 15 October 2018, the purpose of this report is to provide an update on tariffs that were filed by the different mobile operators during the period under review.

This report entails an analysis of various retail tariff plans and promotions such as the standard prepaid voice and data, promotional voice and data, Sim-only packages, Fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) and Fibre-to-the-business (FTTB) packages, filed by different Individual licensees during the period under review.

This report is categorised into the following sections:

- Section 2 provides an analysis of the notifications received, which are categorised into Standard prepaid voice tariffs, Promotional prepaid voice tariffs, Standard prepaid data tariffs, Prepaid and post-paid promotional data tariffs, Sim-only and post-paid data, FTTH and FTTB tariff plans; and
- Section 3 provides concluding remarks.

### 2. Analysis of Tariffs Notified to the Authority

There were mainly four types of prepaid tariff plans that were on offer in the market during the period under review, these are:

- Standard prepaid voice tariffs;
- Promotional prepaid voice tariffs;
- Standard prepaid data tariffs; and
- Promotional prepaid and post-paid data tariffs.

Each type of tariff is analysed in sub-sections 2.1, 2.2., 2.4. and 2.5. below. The post-paid tariff plan/s and the Sim-only post-paid tariffs are analysed in sub-section 2.6.

A brief comparative analysis of FTTH and FTTB plans and offerings, as per information submitted by licensees during the period under review, is provided in sub-section 2.7.

#### 2.1. Analysis of Standard Prepaid Voice Tariffs

The Authority received 3 types of standard prepaid voice tariffs notifications during the period under review. These can be grouped into the following types of prepaid tariff plans:

- Flat-rate tariffs, these plans charge the same retail rate for calls to any subscriber. This means that there is no on-net and off-net price differentials on flat rate tariff plans;
- On-net focused tariffs give subscribers substantial discounts for calling other subscribers on the same network; and
- Dynamic tariffs are tariff plans which offer lower retail prices depending on the time of day and location.

#### 2.1.1. Flat-rate tariffs

All flat-rate tariffs are charged on a per second basis, meaning that subscribers only pay for the duration of the call.

Figure 1 shows a comparison of the cheapest per minute (billed per second) tariff plans namely Vodacom Prepaid 79c, MTN Pay Per Second and Cell C 66c Prepaid. Cell C has the lowest per second tariff plan at 66c per minute followed by Vodacom with a tariff plan of 79c per minute. MTN charges 99c per minute on its Pay per Second Plan which is the highest when compared to the other licensees' tariff plans. On 01 November 2018, MTN introduced a new default tariff originally filed as MTN Base 2 and renamed MTN Connect. This new default tariff is R 2 per minute across all networks and it is applicable to all new customers. This tariff was lodged together with a 100% Recharge Giveback Promotion which saw qualifying MTN Connect subscribers receiving 100% giveback on recharges of R 5 or more for a period of three (3) months. The MTN Pay per Second Plan continues to exist although there is a new flat rate plan.

On 16 July 2018<sup>3</sup>, Cell C introduced a new Default Prepaid Tariff which replaced the Cell C 66c on Prepaid plan as the default plan. This new default tariff is higher than the previous one by 165% since it is priced at R 1.75 per minute across all networks. This new Cell C Default Prepaid plan is the highest flat rate tariff in the market and all new Cell C customers and those porting to this MNO will by default be activated on this plan. To entice customers on this plan, Cell C offers them 200% bonus airtime with every recharge, i.e. for example if they purchased airtime of R 14, a customer would get an extra R 14 airtime to use across all networks and an additional R 14 airtime to use for on-net calls only. The bonus offered contributed to the renaming of the tariff plan from "Default Prepaid Tariff Plan" to "UltraBonus"<sup>4</sup>, prior to it being launched.

The Vodacom Prepaid 79c, is a new flat rate tariff plan, which was filed on 03 October 2018 and it is billed per second across all networks. On this new plan, Vodacom customers are paying 35.8% or R 0.44 less than what they were previously paying on their other flat-rate, i.e. the Vodacom Anytime per Second plan, which is priced at R 1.23.

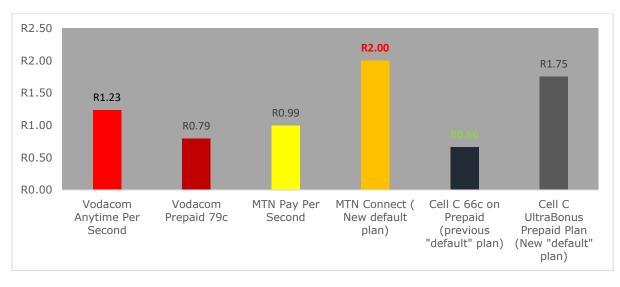


Figure 1: Flat rate per second billing tariff plans prices per minute

Source: ICASA database based on tariff notifications

Telkom Mobile does not offer a flat rate tariff plan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Cell C- Default Prepaid Tariff Plan notification filed on 04 July 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The change of name notification was filed on 09 July 2019.

Table 2 below shows an example of how much a subscriber would have paid based on the network chosen and the duration of a call.

Table 2: The price of a call over time on the lowest flat-rate per second tariffs for Vodacom, MTN and Cell C

	Vodacom	MTN	Cell C
Tariff Plans	Prepaid 79c	Pay Per Second	66c on Prepaid
Length of a call (minutes)			
0.5	R 0.40	0.50	R 0.33
1	R 0.79	R 0.99	R 0.66
1.5	R 1.19	R 1.49	R 0.99
2	R 1.58	R 1.98	R 1.32
2.5	R 1.98	R 2.48	R 1.65
3	R 2.37	R 2.97	R 1.98
3.5	R 2.77	R 3.47	R 2.31
4	R 3.16	R 3.96	R 2.64
4.5	R 3.56	R 4.46	R 2.97
5	R 3.95	R 4.95	R 3.30

Source: ICASA database based on tariff notifications

In terms of table 2 above a customer who is for instance on Cell C and makes a call for 3 minutes will pay R 1.98 whilst if they were on MTN they would pay R 2.97 for the same number of minutes and R 2.37 on Vodacom.

#### 2.1.2. On-net focused tariffs

During the period under review there were no price changes in terms of that onnet focussed tariff plans that are offered by Vodacom, MTN and Telkom Mobile.

Table 3 below shows how the different tariff plans provided by the Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) for its on-net focused tariffs.

Table 3: On-net focused tariffs: Vodacom, MTN and Telkom Mobile

Tariff Plan Name	On-net Call	Off-net Call
Vodacom Daily Free Calls	R 1.23	R 1.23
MTN Talk Free	R 1.20	R 1.20
Telkom Mobile Sim Sonke	R 0.29	R 0.75

Source: ICASA database based on tariff notifications

Table 3 shows that Vodacom charges a flat rate of R 1.23 per minute for both onnet calls and calls to another network. MTN charges a flat rate of R 1.20 for both onnet and off-net voice calls per minute. Therefore, MTN charges a flat rate of R 1.20 for both onnet and off-net voice calls per minute. Therefore, MTN customers pay 2.4% less than Vodacom customers when making on-net calls.

Telkom Mobile differentiates between on-net and off-net tariffs by charging R 0.29 and R 0.75, respectively. Therefore, Telkom Mobile customers pay 61.3% less when making on-net calls.

Unlike Telkom Mobile, both Vodacom and MTN tariff plans have the same pricing principle. Their tariff plans offer free 57 additional minutes for a call of a duration of at least 3 minutes. Both networks capped the total charge for a call at R 3.69 for Vodacom and R 3.60 for MTN. This means a Vodacom and MTN customer would be charged R 1.23 and R 1.20 per minute, for calls up to 3 minutes, respectively.

This means that effectively, a subscriber pays a rate of R 0.06 per minute if the duration of a call is 60 minutes. However, the effective rate per minute of on-net calls vary as the durations of an on-net call accumulates per minute.

#### 2.1.3. Dynamic tariffs

Vodacom and MTN are the only two MNOs which offered dynamic retail tariffs in the period under review. The aim of these types of tariffs is usually to stimulate subscriber demand on the networks during periods of low traffic or call volumes in specific geographic locations and at a specific time of the day. The tariffs (before discounts) for these plans remained unchanged since the last published Tariff Analysis Report and these are outlined in table 4 below.

Table 4: Vodacom and MTN tariffs before discounts for dynamic tariff plans

Tariff Plan Name On-net call (per minute)		Call to another network (per minute)		
Vodacom 4 Less	R 2.64	R 2.64		
MTN Zone	R 2.60	R 2.60		

Source: ICASA database based on tariff notifications

Table 4 shows the price adjustment before discounts, for both Vodacom 4 Less and MTN Zone. The tariff, before discounts, per minute for these plans was more than double the tariff per minute of the on-net focused tariff plans that Vodacom and MTN offered. However, dynamic tariff plan subscribers, except for MTN, had to receive a discount of over 50% on average, for these tariff plans to be beneficial when compared to on-net focused tariff plans.

Figures 2 and 3 below show how big the discount had to be for subscribers to benefit from location and time-based discounts.

Figure 2 illustrates that a Vodacom subscriber on a Vodacom 4 Less tariff plan had to receive, at least, a 70% discount to pay less than the standard call tariff using Vodacom Prepaid 79c. For example, if a subscriber makes a call at 21h00 when the traffic volume is lower, they might receive 60% discount off the tariff plan, instead of paying R 2.64 on Vodacom 4 less per minute voice call. This would mean they would end up paying R 1.06 per minute for the voice call. On the other hand, a subscriber making a call during peak period at 14h00 might receive a 10% discount due to the higher traffic volume on the network. It is worth noting that the discount could be up to 100%.

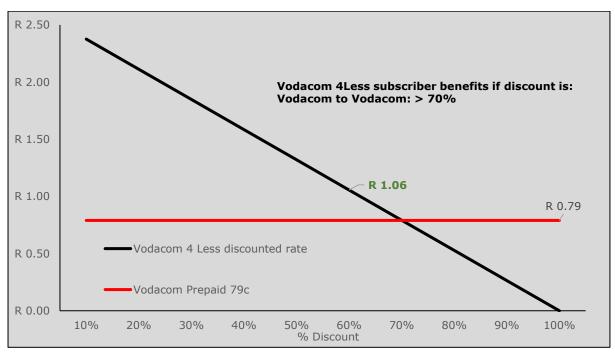


Figure 2: Vodacom 4 Less Impact of discount on actual tariff

Source: ICASA database based on tariff notifications

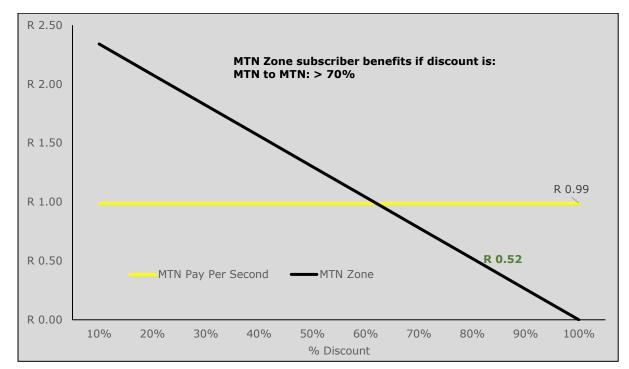


Figure 3: MTN Zone: impact of discount on actual tariff

Source: ICASA database based on tariff notifications

Figure 3 illustrates that a subscriber on an MTN Zone tariff plan had to receive a discount of at least 62%, to pay less than the standard call tariff using MTN per second. For example, if a subscriber makes a call at 21h00 when the traffic volume is lower, they might receive a discount of 80%, instead of paying R 2.60 on MTN Zone per minute voice call. This means they would pay R 0.52 per minute for a voice call.

On the other hand, a subscriber making a call during peak period at 14h00 might receive 10% discount due to the higher traffic volume on the network. It is worth noting that the discount could be up to 100% depending on time, location and traffic on the network.

#### 2.1.4 Tariff Plan Changes- Standard Prepaid Voice Tariffs

This section provides a Quarter 2 to Quarter 4<sup>5</sup> price comparison where there were price changes or new tariff plans offered since the last published Tariff Analysis report.

In the period under review, there has been no price changes in the various standard prepaid voice which required that the trends analysis published in the Q2 Bi-annual Tariff Analysis Report<sup>6</sup> be revised. However, there was a new flat rate tariff introduced by Vodacom, as per a notification filed on 03 October 2018. This is discussed further below in sub-session 2.1.4.1 below.

#### 2.1.4.1 Flat-rate tariffs

The flat-rate tariff plans charge the same retail rate for calls to any network. There are no on-net and off-net price differentials on these plans. There are no price changes in the five year period of the flat rate tariff plans. However, Vodacom did introduce a new flat rate tariff plan, which is the Vodacom Prepaid 79c plan, which became effective on 15 October 2018.

Figure 4 below shows the price differential between this new Vodacom flat rate tariff and the one which was in the market in the previous review period (Q2), which still continues to exist in the market, Cell C's new default tariff plan known as UltraBonus versus its previous flat rate which also still exist, although it is no longer the MNO's default tariff plan and MTN's new default flat rate tariff plan which is called the MTN Connect.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Quarter 2 ( July-September 2018) is when the previous report was produced, which was published on 15 October 2018 and Quarter 4 (January-March 2019) is when this report was produced, hence this is used as a comparison period. This therefore does not have the same meaning as period under review which refers to the period when the tariff plans being analysed in this report were filed with the Authority.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Available online at: <a href="https://www.icasa.org.za/legislation-and-regulations/retail-tariffs-report-jan-jun-2018">https://www.icasa.org.za/legislation-and-regulations/retail-tariffs-report-jan-jun-2018</a>

R2.50 The new Vodacom flat rate is lower by R 0.44 or 35.8%, MTN's new default plan is higher than its previous flat rate by 102% or R 1.01, whilst the Cell C R2.00 one is higher by 165% or R 1.09, than its previous flat-rate plans. R2.00 R1.50 R1.23 **R0.79** R0.99 R1.00 R0 66. R0.50 R0.00 Quarter 2 Quarter 4 New Quarter 2 Quarter 4 New Quarter 2 Quarter 4 New Previous Vodacom Previous Cell C Cell C Previous MTN MTN Connect Vodacom's Prepaid 79c 66c on Prepaid UltraBonus Pay per second Anytime per Prepaid Tariff second Plan

Figure 4: The Flat Rate Tariff Plans Quarterly (Q2 vs Q4 2018/19 FY) comparison for Vodacom, Cell C and MTN

Source: ICASA database based on tariff notifications

Vodacom's Prepaid 79c tariff plan was initially introduced in 2014 as a promotion and has been in existence until October 2018, when it was converted to a standard tariff plan. Vodacom's Anytime per second plan is also still in existence and has remained at R 1.23 since the last published Tariff Analysis Report, in November 2018.

Cell C's new default plan is higher than its previous plan by 165% or R 1.09. The 66c on Prepaid plan still exists, however customers would need to opt into this plan in order to benefit from this lesser flat rate, if they are new or have ported to the Cell C network after this plan was changed.

MTN's new default tariff plan is 102% or R 1.01 higher than its other flat rate tariff plan, i.e. the MTN Pay per Second Plan since it is R 2 per minute across all networks. The MTN Connect plan is available to new customers.

### 2.2. Analysis of Promotional Prepaid Voice Tariffs

This section analyses the promotional prepaid voice tariffs which were filed during the period under review. The promotional tariff plans are generally short term in nature and their validity period range from one day up to 6 months. It is worth noting that the section focuses on the price changes in the prepaid voice tariff bundles since the previous 2018/19 FY, Q2 Bi-annual Tariff Analysis Report, which was published on ICASA's website on 15 October 2018.

#### 2.2.1. Power Hour Promotion

Vodacom's Power Hour Promotion was initially launched on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2012, charging a price of R 5 for 60 minutes. In 2016, the tariff increased to R 7 and is currently R 8. The validity of the promotion was extended from 31 July 2018 to 28 February 2019. The promotion is a voice bundle that offers customers 60 onnet voice minutes at R 8. The bundle is valid from the time of purchase until midnight of the day of purchase with no carry over. The bundle is available for purchase between 6am and 10pm.

In terms of the usage policy, a customer can activate a power hour once a day. When a customer has exhausted the 60 voice minutes allocated, they are then charged at the primary price plan rate. For instance, in the case of the Vodacom per second plan, once the bundle minutes are used up, voice calls per minute will be charged at a subscriber's current price plan rate which is R 1.23 per minute on Vodacom per second.

#### 2.2.2. MTN Mahala Calls Promotion

MTN filed a notification with the Authority on the 04<sup>th</sup> October 2018, the MTN Zone Mahala Calls Promotion. This is a recharge promotion for customers on the MTN Zone price plan, whereby they receive free on-net (MTN-to-MTN) minutes, depending on time, location and recharge value. Customers are required to dial \*175\*0# for them to opt-in this promotion. The promotional value is subject to the recharge value and the minimum recharge value is R 10 (cumulative or onceoff). The "MTN Mahala Minutes" are valid for use within configured Mahala hours between 06h00 and 18h00 every day, whilst the night-time minutes are valid between 00h00 and 05h00.

Table 5 below shows the recharge values and their respective corresponding promotional values.

Table 5: MTN Mahala Minutes

Zone Recharge	MTN to MTN	MTN to MTN
Intervals	"Mahala" Minutes	Night-Time Minutes
Recharge R 10 - R 14.99	20	60
Recharge R 15 - R 34.99	30	60
Recharge R 35 - R 59.99	45	60
Recharge R 60+	60	60

The MTN Zone Mahala promotion benefits customers by offering free on-net calls, thus making calls at a reduced effective rate.

This promotion was launched on 15 October 2018 and it will be in the market until further notice.

#### 2.2.3. Vodacom Chat for 30 Promotion

Vodacom's Chat 30 was initially launched on 10 October 2015 and has since been extended to 28 February 2019. This promotion offers subscribers 30 minutes' worth of calls across all mobile networks for a price of R 10 between 6am and midnight, unlike the Power Hour bundle minutes which can be used for on-net voice calls only. The bundle is measured on a per-minute basis and is valid from the time of purchase until midnight on the day of purchase. This promotion is not available to the subscribers on the 79c Prepaid promotion. Table 6 below shows the comparison of Chat for 30, Power Hour, Daily Free and Anytime per second.

Table 6: Vodacom Chat for 30 price comparisons with Vodacom Daily Free and anytime per second

Length of the call per minute	Chat for 30 Promotion	Power hour, R8	Daily Free	Anytime Per Second
1	R 10	R 8	R 1.23	R 1.23
2	R 5	R 4	R 2.46	R 2.46
3	R 2.50	R 2.67	R 3.69	R 3.69
5	R 1.25	R 1.60	R 3.69	R 6.15
10	R 0.63	R 0.80	R 3.69	R 12.30
15	R 0.31	R 0.53	R 3.69	R 18,45

20	R 0.16	R 0.40	R 3.69	R 24.60
30	R 0.08	R 0.27	R 3.69	R 36.90

#### 2.2.4.MTN 100% Recharge Giveback Promotion

The MTN 100% Recharge Giveback promotion was filed with the Authority on the  $22^{nd}$  of October 2018 and was launched in the market on the  $01^{st}$  of November 2018.

MTN Base 2 Plan, which was renamed to MTN Connect Plan subscribers recharging with R 5 airtime or more, will receive an equivalent (100% give back) value on their airtime recharges, for a period of three months from the activation date. The promotional airtime can be used for MTN-to-MTN local calls only. In addition to this, qualifying customers will be eligible to participate in the 1GB promotion if they have recharged by at least R 20.

This promotion is available in the market until further notice.

#### 2.2.5. Vodacom 79c Promotion

Vodacom's 79c promotion was initially launched on 30 April 2014 and has since been extended from 31 July 2018 to 28 February 2019, according to a notification filed on 19 July 2018. This promotion is a voice plan targeted at new and existing prepaid customers. The promotion charges 79c per minute accumulated on a persecond basis for each call. Customers subscribing to the 79c promotion can save as much as 41c per minute compared to the Vodacom Call Per Second prepaid plan.

### 2.2.6. Vodacom Night Shift Promotion

Vodacom's Night Shift promotion was launched on 14 July 2012. The promotion applies to on-net voice calls (Vodacom to Vodacom) made from 12am to 5am. The promotion offers subscribers free 60 on-net voice minutes daily from 12am to

5am. Customers are required to recharge with an airtime voucher of R 12 or more to qualify for the Night Shift promotion.

The promotion is targeted at prepaid subscribers, except for customers who are on the Daily Free Calls and Prepaid 79c tariff plans. Qualifying customers are limited to 60 minutes of Night Shift calls daily. Vodacom's Night shift promotion was extended from 31 July 2018 to 28 February 2019.

#### 2.2.7. Vodacom All-Net Voice Bundles

Vodacom's All-Net Bundles was first filed on 28 August 2017 and implemented on the 06<sup>th</sup> of October 2017. These bundles enable subscribers to make calls across all networks i.e. both on-net and off-net calls. This promotion was extended to 01 April 2019. Vodacom's voice All-Net bundles are similar to Chat for 30 and Vodacom Power bundles, as the time-based bundle offers. These bundles allocate certain amount of voice minutes at the time of activation, for example, Chat for 60 offers a 60-minute voice bundle allocation for use between 6h00 and 24h00. The unused bundles are depleted and there is no carry over.

#### 2.2.8. MTN WOW Bonus Promotion

MTN WoW Bonus promotion was initially introduced in 2014 and have been getting amended throughout the years. The most recent amendment which made changes to the data depletion rate and voice tariff came into effect on 06 December 2018, the notification was filed by MTN on 27 November 2018. This promotional offer awards customers with bonus airtime and data once they have achieved a daily spend target, as indicated in the previous Q2 Bi-annual Tariff Analysis Report (2018:25)<sup>7</sup>. Table 7 shows the updated tariff applicable to the WOW Bonus airtime.

Table 7: MTN WOW Bonus Airtime and Data Rates

Service	Old Rates	New Rates
Local On-net Voice	R 3.50/min billed per	R 3.50/min billed per minute from
	minute	21:01pm to 18:59 pm

 $<sup>^{7} \ \</sup>text{Available online at:} < \underline{\text{https://www.icasa.org.za/legislation-and-regulations/retail-tariffs-report-jan-jun-2018}} > \underline{\text{Notion of the property of the property$ 

Local On-net Voice	-	R 5.00/min billed per minute from 19:00pm to 21:00pm
Local On-net SMS	R 0.50/SMS	R 0.50/SMS
Data	-	Depletion at 50 kb increments

Source: ICASA Database

The amendment has resulted in a differential tariff being charged for voice calls depending on the time that a call is made, for instance during 21:01pm to 18:59pm the on- net rate will be R 3.50 per minute and then between 19:00pm to 21:00 the tariff rate is R 5 per minute. Customers who call between 19:00pm to 21:00 are incurring more costs as they are charged 43% more than what they were previously charged. The promotion continues to exist until further notice.<sup>8</sup>

#### 2.3. Regulatory interventions underway in the Voice Market

The Authority has embarked on various initiatives aimed at reducing the cost to communicate in both the voice and data markets. The regulatory interventions are time-bound. In the voice market, the interventions which have implemented in the short-term (i.e. within the next 6 months) are the following:

# 2.3.1. Promulgation of the 2018 Voice Wholesale Call Termination Regulations

ICASA has amended the 2014 Call Termination Regulations, in terms of section 67(8) of the ECA. The amended wholesale Call Termination Regulations are intended to increase the effectiveness of competition in the wholesale call termination services markets. The Authority published final Regulations on 28 September 2018 (Gazette number 41943), namely, the "Amendment of the Call Termination Regulations, 2014. The effective date of the Regulations was 01 October 2018. The amended Regulations prescribe the following interventions:

• a three-year glide path where a charge for terminating a call on mobile and fixed location is R 0.12 and R 0.09 respectively, from October 2018 to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 i.e. last day of the period under review a tariff notification indicating that the tariff is to be terminated had not been filed with the Authority and no end date was indicated when the tariff plan was initially filed hence it was ongoing, until further notice.

September 2019; R 0.10 and R 0.07 for the period October 2019 to September 2020; and R 0.09 and R 0.06 respectively from October 2020;

- asymmetry for small players and new entrants for the duration of the threeyear glide path. The asymmetry for mobile services is 18c from 01 October 2018 to 30 September 2019, R 0.16 and R 0.13 from 01 October 2020; and
- Asymmetry for fixed services is proposed to be R 0.10 from 01 October 2018 to 30 September 2019, R 0.08 from 1 October to 30 September 2020 and R 0.06 from 01 October 2020.

The benefits of the regulation of wholesale call termination rates for consumers has been proven over the past 8 years. Since 2010 the termination rates have been reduced by approximately 90% (from R 1.25 in 2009 to R 0.13 in 2017) and this has contributed to the decline in retail rates.

# 2.4. Analysis Standard Prepaid Data Tariffs and Data Bundles Tariff Plan Changes

#### 2.4.1.Prepaid Data plans

This sub-section provides a comparative analysis of the data bundle prices charged by the four licensees and Other Licenced Operators (OLOs) and Mobile Virtual Network Operators (MVNOs) in terms of their prepaid data bundles with a 30 day validity period and highlights changes to the data plans since the previous Q2 Biannual Tariff Analysis Report. This sub-section is divided into two parts with the first part i.e. 2.4.1.1 showing a comparison of prepaid data prices for Vodacom, MTN, Cell C and Telkom Mobile and their respective in bundle rates and the second part being 2.4.1.2 which shows other standard prepaid mobile data bundles offered by Other Licenced Providers and Mobile Virtual Network Operators.

#### 2.4.1.1. Prepaid Data Prices for bundles offered by MNOs

This section shows the prices and provides a comparative analysis of prepaid data plans which are offered by Vodacom, MTN, Cell C and Telkom Mobile, collectively referred to as Mobile Network Operators (MNOs). Tables 8 and 9 indicates the difference in terms of absolute value (Variance in Rands) of the data charges in terms of in-bundle (i.e. labelled as standard price) plans and out of bundle rates (OOB) of the same volume of data (i.e. OOB equivalent price). Also shown in the tables are prices of each megabyte per volume of data. These tables also indicate and compare price changes, if any, from the previous prices found in the 2018/19 FY Q2 Bi-annual Tariff Analysis Report, which was published on ICASA's website on 15 October 2018<sup>9</sup>.

Standard prepaid data prices for Vodacom, MTN and Telkom Mobile for bundles with a validity period with 30 days have remained unchanged for the period under review. Cell C prices changed since it filed an amendment of its data tariff plan on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2018, whereby it withdrew the 500MB, 1GB, 2GB, 3GB and 5GB bundles in its prepaid data tariff plan. Cell C replaced the abovementioned bundles with 750MB, 1.5GB, 2.5GB, 4.6GB and 6.6GB data bundles, priced at R 100, R 149, R 249, R 299 and R 399, respectively. It is worth noting that Cell C's prepaid data bundles, of 10GB or more, have a 90-day validity period.

Although each licensee is charging an out-of-bundle rate that is different from other licensees, each licensee charges a standard out-of-bundle rate in relation to the data bundle packages it offers. MTN filed a new OOB rate on 17 January 2019, which is outside the review period, however the Authority acknowledges that this as a noteworthy decrease of the operator's OOB rate, by 50.5%, hence the decision to include it in this Bi-Annual Tariff Analysis Report. Subsequently, Vodacom filed a notification on 19 February which also reflected a decrease in its OOB rate from R 0.89 for post-paid and hybrid plans and R 0.99 for prepaid to R 0.49 across all plans. The variance in terms of OOB equivalent prices is shown using the previous OOB rate and the reduced rate to indicate the impact of the reduction.

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 $<sup>^9</sup>$  Available online at : <  $\underline{\text{https://www.icasa.org.za/legislation-and-regulations/retail-tariffs-report-jan-jun-2018} > 1$ 

Table 8: Prepaid Data Bundle Standard Prices and OOB Equivalent Prices for Vodacom and MTN

Bundle				Vodacom							MTN			
Size (MB)	Previous (2018/1 9 FY Q2) Standard Price	Current Standard Price	OOB Equivalent Price ( R 0.99/MB), as at 31 December 2018	OOB Equivalent Price ( R0.49/MB) , as at 01 March 2019	Variance in Rands* (as at 31 December 2018)	Variance in Rands* (as at 01 March 2019)	Tariff rate per MB	Previou s (2018/ 19 FY Q2) Standar d Price	Current Standard Price	OOB Equivalent Price (R 0.99/MB), as at 31 December 2018	OOB Equivalent Price ( R 0.49/MB), as at 29 January 2019	Variance in Rands* (as at 31 Decembe r 2018)	Variance in Rands* (as at 29 January 2019)	Tariff rate per MB
100	R 29	R 29	R 99	R 49	R 70	R 20	R 0.29	R 29	R 29	R 99	R 49	R 70	R 20	R 0.29
250	R 63	R 63	R 247.50	R 122.50	R 184.50	R 59.50	R 0.25				N/A			
300					N/A			N/A	R 60	N/A	R 147	N/A	R 87	R 0.20
500	R 100	R 100	R 495	R 245	R 396	R 145	R 0.20				Discontinued			
600					N/A			R 99	R 99	R 594	R 294	R 495	R 195	R 0.17
750					N/A			R 120	R 120	R 742.50	R 367.50	R 622.50	R 247.50	R 0.16
1024	R 149	R 149	R 1 013.76	R 501.76	R 864.76	R 352.76	R 0.15	R 149	R 149	R 1 013.76	R 501.76	R 864.76	R 352.76	R 0.15
1536	N/A						R 189 R 189 R 1 520.64 R 752.64 R 1 331.64 R 563.64 R 0.12					R 0.12		
2048	R 249	R 249	R 2027.52	R 1 003.52	R 1 778.52	R 754.52	R 0.12		1	1	Discontinued			
3072	R 299	R 299	R 3041.28	R 1 505.28	R 2 742.28	R 1 206.28	R 0.10	R 299	R 299	R 3 041.28	R1 505.28	R 2 742.28	R 1 206.28	R 0.10
5120	R 405	R 405	R 5 068.80	R 2 508.80	R 4 669.80	R 2 103.80	R 0.08				Discontinued			
6144			T		N/A			R 399	R 399	R 6 082.56	R 3 010.56	R 5 683.56	R 2 611.56	R 0.06
10240	R 605	R 605	R 10137.60	R 5 017.60	R 9 538.60	R 4 412.60	R 0.06	R 499	R 499	R 10 137.60	R 5 017.60	R 9 638.60	R 4 518.60	R 0.05
20480	R 1 010	R 1 010	R 20 275.20	R 10 035.20	R 19 276.20	R 9 025.20	R 0.05	R 899	R 899	R 20 275.20	R 10 035.20	R 19 376.20	R 9 136.20	R 0.04

Source: ICASA Database based on Tariff Notifications. N/A means not offered

<sup>\*</sup>Variance in Rands is the difference between the standard bundle price and the OOB equivalent price, it is not the price change(difference) between the previous price of the bundle in Q2 vs Q4 standard data price.

Table 9: Prepaid Data Bundles Standard Prices and OOB Equivalent Prices for Cell C and Telkom Mobile

Cell C					Telkom Mobile						
Bundle Size (MB)	Previous (2018/19 FY Q2) Standard Price	Current Standard Price	OOB Equivalent Price (R1.10/MB)	Variance in Rands*	Variance (%) Previous v/s Current Standard Price	Tariff rate per MB	Previous (2018/19 FY Q2) Standard Price	Normal Standard Price	OOB Equivalent Price (R 0.30/MB)	Variance in Rands*	Tariff rate per MB
100	R 29	R 29	R 110	R81	0%	R 0.29	R 29.25	R29.25	R30.00	R 0.75	R 0.29
250			N/A				R 39.50	R39.50	R75.00	R 35.50	R 0.16
500	R 99		Г	Discontinued			R 69.60	R69.60	R150.00	R 80.40	R 0.14
750	<b>750</b> N/A <b>R 100</b> R 825 R 725 N/A R 0.13			R 0.13	N/A						
1024	R 149		Г	Discontinued			R 100	R 100**	R307.20	R 207.20	R 0.10
1536	N/A	R 149	R 1 689.60	R 1 540.60	N/A	R 0.10		N/A			
2048	R 249		Г	Discontinued			R 140	R140**	R 614.40	R 474.40	R 0.07
2560	N/A	R 249	R 2 816	R 2 567	N/A	R 0.10					
3072	R 299		Г	Discontinued			R 201	R 201**	R 768	R 567	R 0.08
4608	4608 N/A R 299 R 5 068.80 R 4 769.80 N/A R 0.06				N/A						
5120	R 399			Discontinued			R 301	R 301**	R 921.60	R 620.60	R 0.10
6656	N/A	R 399	R 7 321.60	R 6 922.60	N/A	R 0.06			N/A		
10240	R 599	R 499	R 11 264	R 10 765	-16.7%	R 0.05	R 505*	R 505	R 1 536	R 1 031	R 0.10
20480	R 799	R 799	R 22 528	R 21 729	0%	R 0.04	R 905	R 905	R 1 996.80	R 1 091.80	R 0.04

<sup>\*\*</sup> These Telkom Mobile prepaid data bundles offer customers additional "Night Surfer" data of the same volume as the original bundle which can be used at night between

12am to 7am

Source: ICASA Database based on Tariff Notifications. N/A means not offered

The tables above also show that the variance increases with the data bundle sizes, since the lower the size of the data bundle, the lower is the variance. For instance, the absolute value variance (R) for a 100MB bundle ranges from R 0.75 (Telkom Mobile) to R 81 (Cell C) for the data volumes tabulated due to its high OOB licensees. The absolute value variance (R) for 10GB bundle ranges between R 2 567 (Telkom Mobile) and R 10 765 (Cell C). Cell C would have the highest absolute value variance rate of R 1.10, whilst Telkom Mobile has the lowest because of its low OOB rate of R 0.30.

Table 8 and 9 shows that MTN, Cell C and Vodacom are charging the same rate for the 100MB bundle, at a price of R 29. Telkom Mobile on the other hand, charges more for its 100MB, at R 29.25. Vodacom charges the highest rate for the 500MB bundle, at R 99, which is 43.7% than what Telkom Mobile charges (R 69.60).

During the period under review, Vodacom and Telkom Mobile have kept the 500MB tariffs unchanged at R 99 and R 69.60, respectively. MTN discontinued its 500MB offer in 2018 and introduced a 600MB data bundle priced at R 99, offering more data value at the same price as Vodacom. Cell C also discontinued its 500MB bundle on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2018, replacing it with a 750MB bundle at price of R 100. This means that a Cell C customer gets 250MB bundle and 150MB bundle more data volume at just R 1 more when compared to a Vodacom and MTN customer, respectively.

MTN and Vodacom, charge R 149 for 1GB bundle and R 299 for 3GB bundle, while Telkom Mobile charges the lowest rates among the four MNOs for both data bundles, i.e. R 100 (32.9% less) for 1GB bundle and R 201 (32.8% less) for 3GB bundle. Cell C discontinued its 1GB bundle and replaced it with 1.5GB bundle, offering it at the same price as its previous 1GB data bundle at R 149. In terms of the 1GB prepaid mobile data offerings, Rain's One Plan Package offer of a 1GB bundle at a price of R 50 remains the most affordable when compared to offers from other MNOs, in the prepaid mobile data services market. Afrihost's month-to-month (MtM) mobile prepaid data plan which is shown in sub-section 2.4.1.2 below offers a 1GB bundle at R 68 which is the second most affordable bundle and it is followed by Telkom Mobile with its 1GB data bundle priced at R 100. It is

worth nothing that Rain, offers non-expiring data, meaning it has no validity period and its OOB rate is the lowest in the market at R 0.05 per megabyte.

Vodacom and Telkom Mobile's prices of the 2GB data bundle in the period under review were unchanged at R 249 and R 140, respectively. MTN discontinued its 2GB data bundle during 2018, stating that the discontinuation of the bundle was due to commercial reasons. MTN replaced the 2GB bundle with a 1.5GB bundle, priced at R 189. Cell C also discontinued its 2GB data bundle, replacing the 2GB bundle with a 2.5GB bundle, priced at R 249. Telkom Mobile offers the most affordable 2GB bundle amongst the MNOs priced at R 140 according to the tables above, however it is worth noting that Lycamobile (as shown below in sub-section 2.4.1.2.3) offers this bundle at R 79.

Cell C discontinued its 3GB data bundle it offered at R 299, replacing it with a 4.6GB data bundle, offering the new bundle at the same price. Vodacom and MTN charge same price of R 299 for the 3GB bundle. Telkom Mobile on the other hand, charges R 201 for the same bundle volume.

Telkom charges the lowest price for the 5GB bundle at R 301 when compared to Vodacom, at R 399. In 2018, MTN discontinued the 5GB data bundle they offered at a price of R 430 and it has been replaced with a 6GB data bundle priced at R 399. Cell C has also discontinued its 5GB bundle it offered for R 399 for a 6.6GB bundle, offering the new bundle at same price.

The only price change in the period under review is that of Cell C's 10GB data bundle, which has decreased its 10GB data bundle price by 16.7%, from R 599 to R 499. Amongst the four operators, MTN and Cell C have the most affordable 10GB data bundle. However, overall Telkom Mobile's data bundles still remain the most affordable amongst the four operators, with the lowest bundle prices on all the data volumes in tables 8 and 9, with the exception of 10GB and 20GB which it charges R 505 and R 905, respectively, while MTN and Cell C charge R 499 for 10GB. Cell C's 20GB price is the lowest amongst the MNOs priced at R 799.

The statistical data evidence as presented in table 8 and 9 above show that in-bundle data rates decrease as the size of the data bundle increases. This is shown graphically in Figure 5 below, which illustrates the tariff per megabyte which is calculated as follows:

• Tariff rate per megabyte (MB) = (Price of data bundle)/ (Volume of data).

R0.35 R<sub>0.29</sub> R0.30 Tariff per Megabyte 80.12 80.15 80.10 R0.25 R0.20 R0.15 R<sub>0.13</sub> R0.10 R0.10 R0.08 R0.04 R0.05 R0.00 0.1 0.2 0.5 0.6 0.75 1 1.5 2 3 10 20 0.3 Data Volume (GB) -Cell C Vodacom ---Telkom Mobile

Figure 5: Tariff rate per megabyte for a 30-Day Data Bundle

Source: ICASA Database based on Tariff Notifications

Figure 5 shows a negative correlation between volume of data purchased and the cost of each megabyte (Tariff rate per MB). The lesser the bundle a customer buys, the higher the tariff rate per megabyte it is. Conversely, the larger the bundle a customer buys, the lower the tariff rate per megabyte is. For an example, a Telkom Mobile customer that buys a 100MB data bundle will pay an in-bundle rate of R 0.29 per megabyte, whereas a customer of the same provider that purchases a 20GB data bundle will pay an in-bundle rate of R 0.04 per megabyte. Similarly, Vodacom customers who purchase a 1GB bundle would pay an in-bundle rate of R 0.15 per megabyte, whilst those who purchase a 5GB bundle will pay an in-bundle rate of

R 0.08 per megabyte. This indicates that unit cost of data rapidly decreases as the size of the bundle increases, i.e. subscriber received more data per Rand amount as the bundle size increased.

According to figure 5, all customers from the four mobile network operators that purchased a 100MB bundle will pay an in-bundle rate of R 0.29 per megabyte. Table 8-9 and figure 5 shows that for a price of R 99, a customer would get a 500MB bundle on Vodacom and 600MB on MTN, which have effective rates of R 0.20 and R 0.17, respectively.

It is also denoted from tables 8-9 and figure 5 that at just 1% (R 1) higher, i.e. for a price of R 100, a customer would get a 750MB bundle on Cell C at an effective rate of R 0.13 and 1GB on Telkom Mobile which has an effective rate of R 0.10. This again proves that negative correlation between the bundle size and the effective rate since the effective rate for a 750MB bundle offered by Cell C is higher than the Telkom Mobile 1GB data bundle, although they are both priced at R 100.

# 2.4.1.2. Other standard prepaid mobile data bundles offered by Other Licenced Providers and Mobile Virtual Network Operators

The prepaid mobile data market is dominated by the big four MNOs namely Vodacom, MTN, Cell C and Telkom Mobile, however these are not the only providers of mobile data services since there are also Mobile Virtual Network Operators (MNVOs) and Other Licensed Operators (OLOs) who offer this service. This section provides pricing information of the various prepaid mobile data bundles offered by these non-dominant players, to ensure that there is retail pricing transparency and for customers to be able to compare prices and offering so they can make informed decisions and choices.

The section shows prices of OLOs and MVNOs whose pricing information is available publicly through tariff filings and/or through desktop research.

#### 2.4.1.2.1. FNB Connect Prepaid Data Plans Amendments

During the period under review, Cell C filed data price amendment for its MVNO, FNB Connect with the Authority on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2018. These amendments came into effect on 01 November 2018. Table 10 below highlights the FNB Connect prepaid data plan amendment and the reduced OOB rate.

Table 10: FNB Connect Data Price Amendment

Data	Validity	Previous Price	Current Price	Variance (%)	Previous OOB	Current
<b>Bundle Size</b>					Rate (R/MB)	OOB Rate
						(R/MB)
25MB	30 Days	-	R 7.50	N/A	-	R 0.30
50MB	30 Days	R 13	R 14	7.7%	R 1	R 0.30
100MB	30 Days	R 25	R 27	8%	R 1	R 0.30
300MB	30 Days	R 60	R 64	6.7%	R 1	R 0.30
500MB	30 Days	R 75	R 85	13.3%	R 1	R 0.30
1GB	30 Days	R 99	R 125	26.3%	R 1	R 0.30
2GB	30 Days	R 179	R 215	20.1%	R 1	R 0.30
5GB	30 Days	R 385	R 390	1.3%	R 1	R 0.30
10GB	30 Days	R 625	R 690	10.4%	R 1	R 0.30
20GB	30 Days	R 950	R 1 380	45.3%	R 1	R 0.30

Source: ICASA Database based on Tariff Notification filed on 10 October 2018.

FNB increased its data bundle prices and introduced a 25MB bundle, which is also valid for 30 days. The highest price differential realised is 45% increase in the 20GB data bundle, from R 950 to R 1 380. The second largest increase was for the 1GB data bundle, increasing form R 99 to R 125. The 5GB bundle had the least increase (1%) from R 385 to R 390, but in absolute value, the 50MB bundle had the smallest increase of R 1. Customers are thus incurring more costs with the increase in the price of prepaid data bundles. On the other hand, the OOB data rate has decreased significantly, by 70% (from R 1 to R 0.30), benefiting the customer with the lower out-of-bundle rate.

#### 2.4.1.2.2. Afrihost Mobile Prepaid Data Plans

This section focuses on comparing Afrihost's month-to-month (MtM) data and prepaid data tariff plans. The MtM subscription does not bind customers as a 12-month/24-month subscription would. Therefore, customers can, with ease, opt in and out of the plan in any month they wish to. Therefore, with a fairly strong similarity between the MtM data and prepaid data tariff plans, a direct comparison can be done, which can yield valuable information to the customer. It should be noted Afrihost and MTN are network partners. Thus, irrespective of whether customers have an Afrihost or MTN SIM card, they can purchase data bundles from Afrihost and set their devices to Afrihost's Access Point (APN) to use that data bundle.

Afrihost offers MtM data and prepaid data tariff plans, which both offer unique packages to the customers. The two tariff plans offer the same volume of data, but the month-to-month subscription offer its bundles at a price 36.7% lower than prepaid data bundles, on average. However, the MtM data is valid for one month. On the other hand, prepaid data have a validity of twelve months, giving the bundles more value, hence the 58.1% average price differential.

Table 11 below shows the MtM data and prepaid data offers and their respective variances and validity periods.

Table 11: Afrihost Month-to-Month and Prepaid Data Bundles

		Validity		Validity		ООВ
	MtM	Period	Prepaid	Period	Variance	Rate
Data Bundle Size	Subscription	(MtM)*	Price	(Prepaid)	(%)	(R/MB)
500MB	R 39	1 Month*	R 59	12 Months	51.3%	R 0.10
1GB	R 68	1 Month*	R 109	12 Months	60.3%	R 0.10
2GB	R 109	1 Month*	R 168	12 Months	54.1%	R 0.10
3GB	R 155	1 Month*	R 257	12 Months	65.8%	R 0.10
4GB	R 207	1 Month*	R 336	12 Months	62.3%	R 0.10
5GB	R 267	1 Month*	R 415	12 Months	55.4%	R 0.10
10GB	R 517	1 Month*	R 810	12 Months	56.7%	R 0.10
20GB	R 1 007	1 Month*	R 1 600	12 Months	58.9%	R 0.10

\*A customer on a MtM plan can top-up and should they top-up their data during the month, the top-up data is rolledover to the end of the following month.

The price differentials for the 500MB, 1GB and 2GB bundles are 51.3%, 60.3% and 54.1%, respectively. The 3GB bundle has the highest price differential, with prepaid data costing 65.8% higher than the MtM data. The out-of-bundle data rate is R 0.10 per megabyte for both plans.

Comparatively the prices of FNB Connect and Afrihost these two prepaid data providers charge prices which are in line with the prices of the other four MNOs data bundles with similar validity period, with the Afrihost MtM plans being considerably low. For instance, for a 500MB bundle, Vodacom and Telkom Mobile charge R 99 and R 69.60, respectively, while Afrihost (MtM plan) and FNB Connect charge R 39 and R 85, respectively. This means that Vodacom charges 153.8% higher than Afrihost and 16.5% higher than FNB Connect for the same 500MB bundle. On the other hand, Telkom Mobile charges 78.5% higher than Afrihost and 18.1% lower than FNB Connect for the same 500MB bundle.

MTN and Vodacom charge the same price of R 149 for a 1GB data bundle, whilst Telkom Mobile charges R 100. On the other hand, Afrihost and FNB Connect charge R 68 and R 125, respectively, for the same bundle size. This means that Vodacom and MTN charge 119.1% higher than Afrihost and 19.2% higher than FNB Connect for the same 1GB bundle. Telkom Mobile on the other hand charges 47.1% higher than Afrihost and 20% lower than FNB Connect. The cheapest 1GB data bundle in the market as explained in section 2.4.1.1 is that offered by Rain at a price of R 50.

For the 3GB bundle, MTN and Vodacom charge the same price of R 299, whilst Telkom Mobile charges R 201. On the other hand, Afrihost charge R 155 for the 3GB bundle. This means that Vodacom and MTN charge 92.9% higher than Afrihost for the same 3GB bundle. Telkom Mobile charges 29.7% higher than Afrihost. This is a significant price differential which has the potential to drive data costs down.

#### 2.4.1.2.3. Other Mobile Prepaid Data Providers

This sub-section provides standard data prices for other OLOs and MVNOs with the exception of FNB connect and Afrihost which was discussed in the above sub-section. A brief comparison with prices of the MNOs and the other OLOs and MVNOs is also done.

Hello Mobile, which is an MVNO that has a partnership with Cell C and Telestream Telecommunications' data bundle offerings are shown below in table 12.

Table 12: HelloMobile prepaid data offering and prices

HelloMobile							
Bundle Size	Normal Standard Price	Tariff rate per MB					
(MB)							
750 (plus 1GB "nite" data)	R 80						
1024 (plus 2GB "nite" data)	R 100	R 0.10					
1536 (plus 3GB "nite" data)	R 149						
2048 (plus 4GB "nite" data)	R 199	R 0.10					
3072 ( plus 5GB "nite" data)	R 249	R 0.08					
6144 (plus 7GB "nite" data)	R 299	R 0.05					
7168 (plus 10GB "nite" data)	R 399	R 0.06					

This MVNO offers additional data volumes in the form of "nite" bundles <sup>10</sup> as shown in table 12, which are used from 01:00am to 07:00 am. The standard data bundles do not expire on condition that a customer would purchase a new data bundle prior to the previous one getting depleted, the remaining data is rolled over to the next month. Tables 13 and 14 below show the prepaid data bundles offered by other mobile prepaid data providers in the market, valid for 30 days. Cell C files notifications on behalf of its MVNOs. In the period under review, it filed for Virgin Mobile and eMoyeni tariff plans indicating the standard prepaid data prices on 23 July 2018 and 13 November 2019, respective. These are shown in table 13 below and their OOB equivalent price, alongside prepaid data prices for MRP Mobile and Lycamobile.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> More data pricing information can be found online at :< <a href="https://hellomobile.co.za/data-rates/">https://hellomobile.co.za/data-rates/</a>> Accessed on 20 February 2019.

Table 13: Prepaid Data Bundles for Virgin Mobile, Lycamobile and MRP Mobile

	'	/irgin Mobile			Lycamobile			MRP Mobile		eMoyeni		
Bundle	Normal	ООВ	Tariff	Normal	ООВ	Tariff	Normal	ООВ	Tariff	Normal	ООВ	Tariff
	Standard	Equivalent	rate	Standard	Equivalent	per MB	Standa	Equivalent	rate	Standard	Equivalent	rate
Size	Price	Price (R	per MB	Price	Price		rd	Price (R	per MB	Price	Price (R	per MB
(MB)		0.99 /MB)			(R		Price <sup>11</sup>	0.99/MB)			0.99 /MB)	
					0.99/MB)							
100	R 20	R 99	R 0.20	R 10	R 99	R 0.10	R30	R 110	R 0.30	R 29	R 99	R 0.29
250	R 50	R 248	R 0.20		N/A		N/A		R 59	R 248	R 0.24	
300		N/A		R 19	R 297	R 0.06	R 75	R 330	R 0.25		N/A	
500	R 80	R 495	R 0.16		N/A		R 95	R 1 126	R 0.19	R 99	R 495	R 0.20
1024	R 150	R 1 014	R 0.15		N/A		R 149	R 2 253	R 0.15	R 149	R 1 014	R 0.15
2048	R 250	R 2 028	R 0.12	R 79	R 2 028	R 0.04	R 249	R 3 379	R 0.12	R 249	R 2 028	R 0.12
5120	R 600	R 5 069	R 0.12	N/A (6 GB for R 149)			R 399	R 11 264	R 0.08		N/A	

Table 14: Prepaid Data Bundles for Boksel, PSB and SmartMobile

		Boksel			PSB		SmartMobile		
Bundle	Normal	ООВ	Tariff	Normal	ООВ	Tariff rate	Normal	OOB Equivalent	Tariff
Size	Standard	Equivalent	rate per	Standard	Equivalent	per MB	Standard	Price (R 0.99/MB)	rate per
(MB)	Price	Price	МВ	Price	Price		Price (MtM)		МВ
		(R 0.99/MB)			(R 0.99/MB)				
100	R 50	R 99	R 0.50	R 25	R 99	R 0.25	R 29	R 99	R 0.29
300	R 85	R 297	R 0 .28	R 75	R 297	R 0.25	R 69	R 297	R 0.23
500	R 125	R 495	R 0.25	R 125	R 495	R 0.25	R 99	R 495	R 0.20
1024	R 150	R 1 014	R 0.15	R 150	R 1 014	R 0.15	R 149	R 1 014	R 0.15
2048	R 250	R 2 028	R 0.12	R 250	R 2 028	R 0.12	R 249	R 2 028	R 0.12
5120	R 300	R 5 069	R 0.06		•	N/A		N/A	
10240	R 499	R 10 138	R 0.05			N/A		N/A	

Source: ICASA database and the various MVNOs websites

<sup>11</sup> MRP data bundle volumes of 300MB, 500MB, 1GB, 2GB and 5GB are offered with double data known as 'bonus data" which means customers get an additional data bundle equivalent to the original bundle size. The validity period of the bonus data however is between 2 to 3 days, depending on bundle size.

The above tables show that the price variations between the MVNOs is minimal, for instance all 1GB data bundles are priced at R150 with the exception of MRP Mobile and SmartMobile who both charge R 149 for 1GB.

Boksel is an independent MVNO which uses Cell C's infrastructure. This MVNO was launched in 2016 and it has reduced its data bundle launch prices<sup>12</sup> for its 500MB by 3.1% (from R 129 to R 125), 1GB by 24.6% (from R 199 to R 150), 2GB by 16.4% from R 299 to R 250, 5GB by 24.8% from R 399 to R 300 and its 10GB data bundle by 49.9% from R 599 to R 300.

Lycamobile is an international MVNO and it offers the cheapest 2GB data bundle, priced at R 79. This MVNO also offers data bundles which are significantly low in terms of price when compared to other similar offers in the market, for instance it offers bigger data bundles such as 8GB for R 245, 15 GB for R 299, 20GB for R 399 and 35GB for R 599. The 20GB of data priced at R 399 is the cheapest in the market, with FNB Connect charging the highest price of R 1 380 for a 20GB data bundle, this is 245.9% more than what Lycamobile charges for the same bundle.

Tables 13 and 14 also show that Boksel charges the lowest price for a 5GB data bundle at R 300 when compared to MRP Mobile and Virgin Mobile whose price for the same data volume is R 399 and R 600, respectively.

# 2.4.2. Out-of-bundle data rates per MB

Figure 6 compares out-of-bundle (OOB) data rates per MB from the previous tariff bi-annual tariff analysis period to the period under review. Figure 6 shows that Telkom Mobile has increased its OOB data rate from R 0.29 per megabyte to R 0.30 per megabyte. Other operators have kept their OOB data rates unchanged during the period under review.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Boksel's launch prices were found online at: < <a href="https://mybroadband.co.za/news/cellular/163649-boksel-south-africas-new-afrikaans-only-mobile-network.html">https://mybroadband.co.za/news/cellular/163649-boksel-south-africas-new-afrikaans-only-mobile-network.html</a> > Accessed on: 20 February 2019.

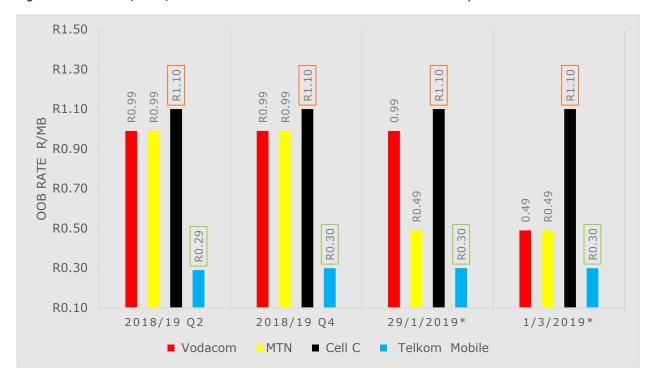


Figure 6: Vodacom, MTN, Cell C and Telkom Mobile's Out-of-Bundle Rates per MB

Source: ICASA database

However, it is worth noting that MTN filed a notification with the Authority on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 regarding the amendment of the prepaid OOB rate<sup>13</sup> that came into effect on 29 January 2019. MTN's data users will now pay 50.5% (to R 0.49 per megabyte) less on OOB rates.

Vodacom has also dropped its OOB rate to R 0.49 per megabyte as at 01 March 2019, which represents a decline of 50.5% for prepaid customers and 44.9% for hybrid and post-paid customers, from previous OOB rates of R 0.99 and R 0.89 per megabyte, respectively. As stated in sub-section 2.4.2.1. Telkom Mobile still offers lower OOB rate (R 0.30 per megabyte), regardless of Vodacom's and MTN's reduced OOB rate of R 0.49 per megabyte. FNB Connect also decreased its OOB rate by 70% from R 1 to R 0.30 per megabyte on 1 November 2018.

<sup>\*</sup>These notifications were filed after the review period, however the Authority decided to analyse them in this report due to the noteworthy decreases of the OOB rates. The dates in the graph are the effective dates of the revised OOB rates.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> MTN has two OOB rates, one for bundle users which is R 0.49 and another for non-data bundles users which is R0.29 which is 70.7% less compared to its previous OOB rate of R 0.99.

The reduction in OOB rates for MTN and Vodacom could be in response to the EUSSC Regulations amendment which came into effect on 01 March 2019, in particular regulation 8B(2), which prohibits the operators to automatically charge OOB rates upon the depletion of the customer's data bundle. Therefore, it is possible that MTN and Vodacom decreased their respective OOB rates to make it more affordable for customers. This increases the chances of customers opting into the OOB rate, thus protecting the OOB data revenues for these licensees.

# 2.4.3. Over-the-Top (OTT) Service Offerings

This section focuses on Over-the-Top (OTT) services which are used by a customer to ride on top of an electronic communications network services of a licensed operator to which the customer is connected<sup>14</sup>. In order to capitalise on the growth in uptake of OTT services, licensed operators have launched various product offerings so as to maximise their data revenues. The sub-sections below discuss the OTT linked product offerings which MNOs filed notifications for during the period under review.

#### 2.4.3.1. Vodacom Ticket

Vodacom's Ticket tariff plan was initially filed with the Authority on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2018. Following the last amendment Vodacom made on its Ticket tariff plan on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2018, further changes were made on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 with respect to tariff plan fees and data allocation. Tables 15 to 17 below show the price and data allocation changes on the tariff plan as well as their changes in percentages.

Table 15: Vodacom Ticket Prices: Video and Social

Validity Previou **Previous** Previous Current Current Data Current Price Period s Price **Effective Data Price Data Effective** Variance Variance (%) **Allocation** Rate **Rate** (%) **Allocation** Hourly R 5 500MB R 0.01 R 5 100MB R 0.05 0% -80% Daily R 22 1024MB R 0.02 R 8 250MB R 0.03 -63.6% -75.6% R 29 1024MB R 0.02 R 15 500MB R 0.03 -48.3% -51.2% 3 Davs

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Definition of what OTT services are found online: < <a href="https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Documents/EVENTS/2015/0421-BS-Economic/1">https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Documents/EVENTS/2015/0421-BS-Economic/1</a> 2.pdf > Accessed on 21 February 2019.

Weekly	R 35	1024MB	R 0.03	R 35	750MB	R 0.05	0%	-26.8%
Monthly	R 59	1024MB	R 0.05	R 60	1024MB	R 0.06	1.7%	0%

The amendments of the Vodacom Ticket tariff plan in particular Video and Social for its hourly plan to 26.8% for its weekly plan and price reduction to match the data allocation reductions for the daily 250MB and 500MB data bundle which is valid for 3 days. Vodacom also increased the monthly bundle fees by R 1 (from R 59 to R 60) for the Video Ticket and Social Ticket.

In table 16 below the Vodacom Ticket: Music and Gaming data bundle prices and data allocation is shown. The data allocation and prices decreased for all bundles with the exception of the monthly data bundle which increased by 6.3% from 800MB to 850MB, with the amendment filed on 19 July 2018, the price of this bundle decreased by 10.9%, although there was an increase of the data allocated. The Music and Gaming Tickets' monthly bundle fees decreased by R 6 (from R 55 to R 49).

Table 16: Vodacom Ticket Prices: Music and Gaming

Validity Period	Previ ous Price	Previous  Data  Allocation	Previous Effective Rate	Current Price	Current Data Allocation	Current Effectiv e Rate	Price Variance (%)	Data Variance (%)
Hourly	R 3	250MB	R 0.01	R 3	80MB	R 0.04	0%	-68%
Daily	R 19	800MB	R 0.02	R 5	150MB	R 0.03	-73.7%	-81.3%
3 Days	R 24	800MB	R 0.03	R 10	300MB	R 0.03	-58.3%	-62.5%
Weekly	R 29	800MB	R 0.04	R 25	400MB	R 0.06	-13.8%	-50%
Monthly	R 55	800MB	R 0.07	R 49	850MB	R 0.06	-10.9%	6.3%

Source: ICASA Database based on Tariff Notifications

Table 17: Vodacom Ticket Prices: Chat, Sports (Prepaid/Hybrid and Post-paid) and Cloud

GROUP	ROUP CHAT		SPORTS	SPORTS-		SPORTS-Post-paid		WhatsApp Bundle	
				Prepaid/Hybrid					
	Price	Bundle	Price	Bundle	Price	Bundle	Price	Bundle	
Hourly	R 2	25MB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	R 1	10MB	
Daily	R 3	55MB	R 12	500MB	N/A	N/A	R 2	30MB	
							R 4	200MB	
3 Days	R 8	150MB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	R 5	100MB	
Weekly	R 10	200MB	R 32	1024MB	N/A	N/A	R 10		
			R 56	2048MB	N/A	N/A	_ K 10	200MB	
Monthly	R 15	750MB	N/A	N/A	R 149	3072MB	R 29	1GB	

Source: ICASA Database based on Tariff Notifications

Tables 15 to 17 shows that even though the bundle prices were reduced for most tickets, the effective rate increased, i.e. the subscriber now receives less data per Rand amount because of the reduced data allocations. For an example, a customer who purchases an hourly Vodacom Social Ticket would have incurred an 80% reduction in data volume, no change in data price, and a resultant increase in the effective rate from R 0.01 per megabyte to R 0.05 per megabyte.

# 2.4.3.2. Vodacom WhatsApp Ticket

Following the amendments on the Vodacom Ticket and Vodacom NXT LVL promotion filed 9 July 2018 and 19 October 2018, respectively, Vodacom filed another amendment with the Authority on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2018 regarding the amendment of the WhatsApp Ticket.

The current bundles and rates are shown in table 18 below. The WhatsApp Ticket monthly is now offered at a 1GB bundle size for R 35, which means it has increased by 20.7% from its previous price of R 29.

Table 18: Vodacom WhatsApp Ticket Bundle Packages

		WhatsApp										
Validity	Previous Price	Previous Bundle (MB)	Effective Rate (R/MB)	Current Price	Current Bundle (MB)	Price Variance (%)	Bundle Variance (MB)	Effective Rate (R/MB)				
1 hour	R 1	10	R 0.10	ı	=	-	ı					
1 Day	R 2	30	R 0.07	R 3	50	50%	20	R 0.06				
1 Day	R 4	200	R 0.02	R 5	250	25%	50	R 0.02				
3 Days	R 5	100	R 0.05	R 6	100	20%	0	R 0.06				
7 Days	R 10	200	R 0.05	R 12	250	20%	50	R 0.05				
30 Days	R 29	1024	R 0.03	R 35	1024	20.7%	0	R 0.03				
		WhatsApp NXT LVL										
Validity	Previous Price	Previous Bundle		Price	Bundle	Price Variance (%)	Bundle Variance (MB)	Effective Rate (R/MB)				
30 days	R 19	1024	R 0.02	R 19	1024	0%	0	R 0.02				

Although most prices of the WhatsApp Ticket bundles have increased, the bundle volumes also increased, which in turn has reduced or kept the effective rates constant. For an example, the 30MB bundle valid for 1 day had a 50% increase in price (from R 2 to R 3) and a 20MB increase in the bundle size (from 30MB to

50MB) and the effective rate decreased from R 0.07 per megabyte to R 0.06 per megabyte. Customers who are incurring more costs are those purchasing the WhatsApp Ticket 100MB bundle valid for 3 days and the 1 GB bundle valid for 30 days. The Vodacom NXT LVL WhatsApp Ticket remains unchanged.

## 2.4.3.3. Vodacom Business Ticket

Vodacom Business Ticket is a data bundle tariff plan initially introduced in the market on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2018. Vodacom filed an amendment of the tariff plan with the Authority on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2018.

The Vodacom Business Ticket is only available to Enterprise customers on postpaid and top-up (Hybrid) price plans. Data bundle packages are offered at a onceoff or a monthly recurring purchase and can only be used for the specified Third-Party apps as per the table below. It should be noted that the Vodacom Business Ticket is strictly for personal usage and cannot be used for commercial purposes.

Table 19 below shows the updated prices, following the amendment filed on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2018.

Table 19: Vodacom Business Ticket Packages

<b>Business Tickets</b>	Third Party Apps	Data Bundle	Price	Validity Period
		Size	(VAT Inclusive)	
E-mail Lite Ticket	Outlook, Gmail, Yahoo mail	1GB	R 59	30 Days
E-mail Plus Ticket	Outlook, Gmail, Yahoo mail	2GB	R 89	30 Days
Navigation Ticket	Google Maps, Apple Maps, Waze	3GB	R 99	30 Days
Cloud Ticket	One Drive, Google Drive, Drop Box, iCloud	5GB	R 159	30 Days

During the filing of the amendment, Vodacom altered the validity periods of the Business Email Plus Ticket (from 31 days to 30 days), Navigation Ticket (from 32 days to 30 days and the Cloud Ticket (from 33 days to 30 days). The amendment of the validity periods was a rectification of those filed in the notification of 20 September 2018. The price of the Business Cloud Ticket was also amended, from R 149 to R 159. Nevertheless, customers benefit from the Business Ticket packages specifically tailored for accessing emails, GPS systems and online

storage platforms since they are low-priced when compared to standard data tariffs.

# 2.4.3.4. MTN Prepaid Social Bundles

MTN's Social Bundles were launched on the 01<sup>st</sup> of December 2017 and customers were offered prepaid daily, weekly and monthly social bundles with data bundles that enable them to share, chat, go live on Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube and Twitter. These social bundles can be purchased in different sizes and validity periods and they are available from as little as R 2 per day.

In the period under review, the MTN Social Bundles were amended on 12 July 2018, 19 September 2018, and 18 October 2018. The WhatsApp monthly bundle has since increased from R 20, to R 30 in July 2018<sup>15</sup> and to R 50 as from 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2018. In September and October 2018, MTN also amended its Social Bundles, increasing validity period options, to daily, 3-day, weekly, 20-day and monthly. Tables 20 and 21 below outline the details the new validity period options and new price profiles on the daily, 3-day, weekly, 20-day and monthly WhatsApp and Twitter bundles.

Table 20: MTN Social Bundles: WhatsApp Bundles

WhatsApp	Daily	Daily	3	Weekly	Weekly	20	Monthly	Monthly
Bundle	(Previous <sup>16</sup> )	(Current)	Days	(Previous)	(Current)	Days	(Previous)	(Current)
Inclusive	20MB	50MB	100M	100MB	250MB	1GB	1GB	1GB
Value			В					
Expiry Date	(Expires at	(Expires	3	7 days	7 days	20	1 Calendar	1 Calendar
	23:59 the	at 23:59	Days			Days	Month	Month
	next day after	the next						
	activation)	day after						
		activation)						
Price	R 1	R 2	R 5	R 5	R 10	R 30	R 30	R 50

Source: ICASA database based on tariff notifications

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> MTN filed the notification on 12 July 2018 and it was to be implemented on 21 July 2018. However, the implementation date was earlier than the required 7-day period and the Authority has referred the potential contravention of the Standard Terms and Conditions Regulation, 2010, as amended, to the Complaints and Compliance Committee (CCC) as per section 17A (1) (c) of the ICASA Act of 2000, as amended.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Previous refers to the preceding bundle price/data allocation offered by MTN prior to the last amendment (18 October 2018) made during the review period.

Table 21: MTN Social Bundles: Twitter Bundles

Twitter Bundle	Daily	Daily (Current)	Weekly	Weekly	Monthly
	(Previous)		(Previous)	(Current)	(Current)
Inclusive value	20MB	100MB	100 MB	500MB	1GB
Expiry Date	(Expires at 23:59	(Expires at 23:59	7 days	7 days	1 Calendar Month
	the next day after	the next day after			
	activation)	activation)			
Price	R 1	R 5	R 5	R 20	R 50

# 2.5. Analysis of Promotional Prepaid and Post-paid Data Tariffs

## 2.5.1. Vodacom Promotional Data Bundles

Vodacom filed a notification of the Promotional Data Bundles with the Authority on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2018. The promotion was launched on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 and it ended on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2019. The promotion was available to prepaid, post-paid and hybrid customers and only accessible via USSD \*135#.

Customers were offered a personalised set of data bundles, i.e. based on the customer's spending patterns. Table 22 below shows the bundle allocations for the Vodacom Promotional Data Bundles and their respective prices.

Table 22: Vodacom Promotional Data Bundles

Bundle Allocation	Price
250MB	R 55
325MB	R 65
500MB	R 85
700MB	R 105
1GB	R 135
1.3GB	R 159
1.8GB	R 199
2.7GB	R 259
3.6GB	R 309
4GB	R 329

Compared to the standard prepaid data rates, customers did benefit from the reduced promotional rates. The promotional 1GB for an example, was 9.4% (R 14) less than the standard prepaid 1GB data bundle.

#### 2.5.2. Vodacom NXT LVL Promotion

Vodacom filed a notification of its new NXT LVL promotion with the Authority on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2018, which was set to launch on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2018. The NXT LVL promotion has two plans, namely; WhatsApp Ticket and Internet Daily Bundles, which both offer 1GB bundle volume at a price of R 19. The WhatsApp Ticket bundle is valid for a month, whilst the Internet Daily Bundle is valid until 23:59 on the day of purchase. Customers are supposed to use USSD \*128# to access the abovementioned bundles.

The Vodacom NXT LVL WhatsApp Ticket is only available to customers who opt in the NXT LVL tariff plan. The promotion has no purchase limits during the promotion period. However, it excludes both voice and video calling, cannot be used while on international roaming, and cannot be transferred. Customers that purchase the Vodacom NXT LVL WhatsApp Ticket enjoy sending and receiving messages, videos and audio files via the WhatsApp messenger application at reduced effective rates due to the lower prices than that of standard data bundles.

The Vodacom NXT LVL WhatsApp Ticket and the Internet Daily Bundles promotion is expected to be in the market until 28 March 2019 and 31 March 2019, respectively.

## 2.5.3. Vodacom Video Ticket, DStv Now and ShowMax Promotion

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2018, Vodacom filed a Video Ticket, DStv Now and ShowMax Promotion notification with the Authority. The promotion was then

introduced in the market on the  $1^{st}$  of November 2018 and is expected to run until the  $31^{st}$  of March 2019.

These video streaming promotional bundles are available to new and existing prepaid, top-up and post-paid customers as weekly (Video Ticket) and monthly (DStv Now and ShowMax) subscriptions. The promotion is accessible through \*135# USSD, the Just4U platform or My Vodacom App. Table 23 below shows the Video Ticket, DStv and ShowMax bundle packages, and their respective prices.

Table 23: Vodacom Video Ticket, DStv Now and ShowMax

Validity Period	Video Ticket				
Validity Feriod	Price	Bundle			
Weekly	R 35.00	1GB			
Validity Period	DStv Now a	nd ShowMax			
Validity Period	Price	Bundle			
Monthly	R 50	1GB			
Monthly	R 80	2GB			
Monthly	R 107	3GB			
Monthly	R 259	5GB			

Customers who use the promotional bundles can stream videos from over-thetop (OTT) providers at reduced bundle prices. The monthly packages are restricted to DStv Now and ShowMax.

# 2.5.4. Vodacom New Data Auto Purchased Bundles

Vodacom new Data Auto Purchased bundles are available to post-paid customers, which are available either as once-off mobile internet (MI) data bundles or once-off mobile broadband (MBB) bundles. Customers can purchase the data bundles through opting into the Data Auto-Purchase service by dialling (\*135\*) USSD code. Table 24 and 25 below show the prices for Vodacom Data Auto Purchased bundles.

Table 24: Vodacom Data Auto-Purchase MI Data Bundles

Bundle Type	Size	Validity	Price (VAT Inclusive)	Effective Rate

Data	100MB	30 Days	R 29	R 0.29
Data	500MB	30 Days	R 100	R 0.20
Data	1GB	30 Days	R 149	R 0.15

Table 25: Vodacom Data Auto-Purchase MBB Data Bundles

Bundle Type	Size	Validity	Price (VAT Inclusive)	Effective Rate
Data	500MB	30 Days	R 50	R 0.10
Data	1GB	30 days	R 80	R 0.08
Data	2GB	30 Days	R 141	R 0.07

Customers are benefiting from the plan because it ensures that they do not run out of data in order to enjoy the social media, downloading more. Customers are benefiting because they are not charged out of data bundle rates for data usage therefore they benefit from the lower effective rates. For example, a customer that has opted into the plan pays an effective rate of R 0.15 per MB instead of the R 0.99 out-of-bundle rate per MB that they would have paid once their data bundle has been depleted.

# 2.5.5. MyMTN Data Promotional Offers

MyMTN Data promotional offer was filed on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2018. The MyMTN Data promotion is a personalised offer made for specific customers based on their individual usage profile. It should be noted that it is not an offer to all customers on the MTN subscriber base. The offers range from 5MB (for R 1) to 128GB (for R 2 400). MyMTN Data promotional offers would not necessarily benefit all the customers, as it is made for specific customers based on their usage profiles. However, the customer would benefit from the lower effective rate, for example, MTN 5MB data bundle is R 4, effectively a customer pays R 0.80 per megabyte, the promotional offer's effective rate is R 0.20 per megabyte which is cheaper by 75%.

The promotion was first launched on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 and its validity period was extended on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2018 until further notice.

# 2.5.6.MTN Pay As You Go (PAYG) Summer Surprise Bundles

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2018, MTN filed the PAYG Summer Surprise Bundles as part of the existing MyMTN Offers mentioned above in 2.5.11.

The offers are based on the customer's individual usage profile and are available to all MTN customers, ranging from R 10 to R 700 for monthly bundles; R 5 to R 250 for weekly bundles and R 2 to R 40 for daily bundles. These offers consist of a bundle combination of on-net minutes (voice) and data. Therefore, customers with a high usage profile benefit more from the Summer Surprise Bundles. The promotion continues to exist until further notice.<sup>17</sup>

#### 2.5.7.MTN Entertainment Pass

MTN Entertainment Pass is a summer promotion which was filed on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2018, targeting post-paid customers. New post-paid customers who sign up for qualifying price plans receive an extra 20 GB data bundle as well as additional Entertainment Pass which is made up of a combination of Social Bundles, Video Streaming Bundles and Music Streaming Bundles, included in the monthly value at no additional cost.

This promotion was launched on 1 October 2018 and it was initially valid until 31 January 2019, however MTN extended it on 23 January to 28 February 2019.

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 $<sup>^{17}</sup>$  As at  $31^{\rm st}$  December 2018 i.e. last day of the period under review a tariff notification indicating that the tariff is to be terminated had not been filed with the Authority and no end date was indicated when the tariff plan was initially filed hence it was ongoing, until further notice.

#### 2.5.8. MTN Wave 'n Win

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2018, MTN filed the Wave 'n Win promotion with the Authority as part of its summer promotion campaign. The promotion was launched on 15 October 2018 and is available until further notice.

MTN's Wave 'n Win promotion targets prepaid customers that buy "Summer Surprise Bundles", "MyVoiceOffers" or "MyDataOffers" (Personalised bundles). Subscribers earn a "wave" upon their purchase of the products and qualify to stand a chance to win the following daily prizes such as voice minutes, data, social bundles as well as non-service related prizes like shopping and grocery vouchers. It should be noted that all the promotional value expires at 23:59 every day.

#### 2.5.9. MTN Video Content Streaming Promotional Bundles

On 1 November 2018, MTN introduced new video streaming bundles, for prepaid and post-paid customers, depending on their usage profile. Enterprise customers and corporate customers are excluded from the offer. The promotion was set to run until the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2019, however it was extended on 28 January 2019 and it will continue to exist in the market until further notice.

The bundles are intended for long form video streaming to specific content providers, i.e. ShowMax and DStv Now and can be purchased on a once-off or recurring basis through a USSD code, MyMTN App or Interactive Voice Response (IVR).

Table 26 below shows the promotional data packages and their respective validity periods.

Table 26: MTN Video Streaming Bundles

Long Form Video Streaming Bundle Name	Inclusive Data	Validity	Bundle price (Including VAT @15%)
MTN Video Streaming Bundle - 5GB	5GB	30 days	R 159

MTN Video Streaming Bundle - 10GB	10GB	30 days	R 299
MTN Video Streaming Bundle - 20GB	20GB	30 days	R 499

Even though the data bundles are strictly for streaming videos, customers who actively stream videos from OTT providers benefit from reduced rates, for instance 5GB is offered at only R 159.

# 2.5.10. Cell C WhatsApp and ShoutOut Bundles Promotion

On the 09<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 Cell C filed a notification with the Authority regarding the Cell C's WhatsApp Promotion, which increased Cell C's Fair Usage Policy (FUP) limit from 600MB of data usage for WhatsApp to 2GB, at a monthly subscription of R 15. The FUP promotional offer was intended to be in the market until 30 September 2018. However, the promotion has been amended numerous times since then, for instance:

- On 13 July 2018 the name for the ShoutOut Bundle Lite was changed and another notification was filed on the same date namely the ShoutOut Daily Bundle and ShoutOut Premium Bundle, which gave prepaid, post-paid and top-up customers access to WhatsApp and Facebook platforms, regardless of their tariff plans. WhatsApp usage excluded voice and video calling, while Facebook excluded Messenger and access to links and files that are outside of Facebook;
- On the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2018, Cell C filed another amendment on the ShoutOut Bundle Lite promotional bundle, increasing the price to R 17 and reducing the promotional fair usage limit to 1200MB. Cell C also changed the name to "ShoutOut R17.";
- An extension was filed on 19 September 2018, which extended the promotional bundles up until 31 January 2019.; and
- On 14 November 2018, the ShoutOut R 17 bundle was amended to a WhatsApp Bundle, which means it is now restricted for WhatsApp usage only.
- On 13 December 2018, Cell C filed a notification to discontinue the ShoutOut Bundles R 10 and R 99.

Table 27 below shows the previous and current prices of the ShoutOut Bundles and their respective fair usage limits

Table 27: Cell C ShoutOut Bundles and WhatsApp Bundle

Service Name	New	Time	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Validity
	Service	of Day	Price	Price	Promotional	Promotional	
	Name				Usage Limit	Usage Limit	
ShoutOut R 4	N/A	All day	R 4	R 10	80MB	200MB	24 Hours
ShoutOut R 49	N/A	All day	R 49	R 99	4GB	4GB	30 Days
ShoutOut R 17	WhatsApp Bundle	All day	R 17	R 17	1200MB	1GB	30 Days

Source: ICASA database based on tariff notifications

Worth noting is that Cell C filed a further extension of promotional bundles on the  $17^{th}$  of January 2019, to the  $31^{st}$  of March 2019. A customer purchasing any of the above will be charged OOB rates as per their tariff plan, which means if a customer is on UltraBonus, they would be charged an OOB rate of R 1.75 per MB.

## 2.5.11. Cell C 30-Day and 1-Day Data Bundle Promotion

Cell C filed its 30-Day and 1-Day data Bundle Promotion with the Authority on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2018. The official launch date of the promotion was 23 November 2018, and it would have been in the market until the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2018. However, Cell C further filed an extension of the promotion on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2018, lengthening the promotion's term to the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2019. On 14 December 2018, Cell C made another amendment on the 1-Day Data Bundle Promotion and reduced its term on the market to the original deadline of 31 December 2018.

The promotion was available to prepaid, post-paid and hybrid customers. Table 28 and 29 below show the promotional data bundles and their respective prices.

Table 28: Cell C 30-Day Promotional Data

Price	Anytime Data	Nite Data	С/МВ	Validity
R 5	15MB		33.33	30 days

1	1	1	1	1
R 12	40MB		30.00	
R 20	60MB		30.77	
R 29	100MB		29.00	
R 49	300MB		16.33	
R 80	750MB	1GB	10.67	
R 100	1GB	2GB	9.77	
R 149	1.5GB	3GB	9.70	
R 199	2GB	5GB	9.72	
R 249	3GB	4GB	8.11	
R 299	6GB	7GB	4.87	
R 399	7GB		5.57	
R 499	10GB	15GB	4.87	
R 799	20GB		3.90	
R 899	30GB		2.93	90 days
R 1 199	40GB		2.93	
R 2 999	100GB		2.93	

Table 29: Cell C 1-Day Promotional Data

Price Anytime Data		С/МВ	Validity
R 17	500MB	3.40	Till Midnight
R 20	1024MB	1.95	Till Pilatilgit

Source: ICASA database based on tariff notifications

Customers enjoyed the benefit of carrying-over data, to the next 30-day cycle, subject to them recharging with a new bundle prior to the end of the existing data validity period.

## 2.5.12. Cell C 30-Day Double Data Promotion

Cell C filed a notification of its 30-Day Double Data Promotion with the Authority on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2018. Cell C customers that purchase the qualifying 30-day data bundles will automatically receive double data. Regardless of the customers' tariff plan they are subscribed to, customers ought to purchase data on the Cell C App and Portal to be eligible for the double data.

The promotion is available to selected prepaid, post-paid and top-up customers. Only the 30-day once-off bundles on the Cell C App or portal are with additional data, which is valid for 30 days from the day of allocation.

Table 30 below shows data bundles that qualify for the 30-Day Double Data promotion.

Table 30: Cell C Promotional 30-Day Double Data on the Cell C App and Portal

Price	Anytime Data (MB)	Anytime Double Data (MB)	Nite Data (MB)
R 29	100	100	-
R 49	300	300	-
R 80	750	750	1024
R 100	1024	1024	2048
R 149	1536	1536	3072
R 199	2048	2048	4096
R 249	3072	3072	5120
R 299	6144	6144	7168

Source: ICASA database based on tariff notifications

Over and above the double data customers also receive "nite" data which they can utilise between 12:00am (midnight) to 06:00am. Cell C's 30-Day Double Data promotion is valid up until 31 March 2019.

# 2.6. Analysis of Sim-Only Post-Paid Tariffs

This section analyses the fixed monthly subscription-based SIM-Only tariff plans. During the period under review MTN introduced new Double Your Data Promotion available on the MyMTN Choice 30GB and 50GB data plans on SIM-only deals for new customers and upgrades. Customers receive double inclusive data allocations whilst the subscription fee remains the same.

The additional value promotion will be allocated monthly for the duration of the 24-month fixed term contract, and the promotional data does not carry over. The unused data will be forfeited at the end of every month. The promotional data gets depleted at 20kbps increment.

Table 31 shows that the customer has an option to choose from MyMTN Choice post-paid tariff plans comprising of data bundle sizes of 5GB, 10GB, 20GB, 30GB, and 50GB.

Table 31: MTN Double Your Data Promotion Price Plans

Price plan	My MTNChoice 5GB	My MTNChoice 10GB	My MTNChoice 20GB	My MTNChoice 30GB	My MTNChoice 50GB
Subscription SIM Only	R 199	R 299	R 499	R 699	R 999
Anytime Inclusive Data	5GB	10GB	20GB	30GB	50GB
Night Express Data	5GB	10GB	20GB	30GB	50GB
Depletion Rate for Data	10kbps	10kbps	10kbps	10kbps	10kbps
		Promotic	n Value		
Anytime Data	5GB	10GB	20GB	30GB	50GB
Night Express Data	5GB	10GB	20GB	30GB	50GB
Validity	24 months	24 months	24 months	24 months	24 months
Depletion Rate for Data	20kbps	20kbps	20kbps	20kbps	20kbps
Expiry	30 days	30 days	30 days	30 days	30 days

Anytime Inclusive Data and Night Express Data bundles allocation ranges from 5GB to 50GB and they are priced from R 199 to R 999, respectively.

#### 2.7. Fibre-to-the-Home and Fibre-to-the-Business Tariff Plans

This section analyses the Fibre-to-the Home (FTTH) and Fibre-to-the-Business (FTTB) tariff plans offered in the market and the prices charged by the operators. The analysis of the tariff plans will consider the current FTTH service offered during the period under review.

Tables 32 to 37 below show the prices charged for FTTH and FTTB services according to capacity of speed per Mbps offered by Vodacom, MTN, Cell C, Telkom, MWEB and Cybersmart. Some of the licensees (such as Vodacom and Cell C) offer FTTH fibre broadband services through either self-built or fibre networks provided by various Fibre Network Operators (FNO), including Vumatel, Frogfoot, Openserve, Fibrehoods, Metro Fibre, Balwin Fibre, Dark Fibre Africa (DFA), Waterfall Access Networks, Octotel, OpenFibre and Edge SA Digital Villages.

The FTTH services are offered as both capped and uncapped services. The customers have an option of choosing between asymmetrical and symmetrical line speeds. However, during the period under review, FTTH and FTTB fibre services were mostly offered with the asymmetrical download/upload line speeds

ranging at 4Mbps/1Mbps<sup>18</sup>, 10Mbps/5Mbps, 20Mbps/10Mbps, 50Mbps/25Mbps and 100Mbps/50Mbps.

However, the prices charged across the different data line speeds differ as per the capacity, whether it is a capped or uncapped FTTH/FTTB. For instance, Vodacom charges R 799 for 20Mbps/10Mbps uncapped line speed, Telkom is charging R 806 and MWEB Century City Connect charges R 729 for the same line speed. MTN's Supersonic monthly charge for the 20Mbps/20Mbps uncapped line speed is at R 849 (including VAT)<sup>19</sup>, whereas, Cell C's SA Digital Villages package charges R 599 and Cybersmart charges R 655<sup>20</sup> per month for the same line speed.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> 4Mbps in this case is the download speed (the rate which data is transferred from the Internet to the user's computer) and the 1Mbps is the upload speed (the rate which data is transferred from the user's computer to the Internet). The same would apply interpretation applies to the other speed lines in this report i.e. its Download speed/Upload Speed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> As per notification filed on 24 July 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> This charge is only for the Lite Home Uncapped bundle over Openserve fibre; pricing for other packages is different.

Table 32: FTTH Tariff Plans offered by Vodacom

Line Speed	Vodacom Capped	Vodacom Uncapped	Vodacom Vumatel/ Aerial Fibrehoods Capped	Vodacom Vumatel/ Aerial Fibrehoods Uncapped	Vodacom Openserve Capped	Vodacom Openserve Uncapped	Vodacom Century City Capped	Vodacom Century City Uncapped	Vodacom Metro Fibre Capped	Vodacom Metro Fibre Uncapped
4Mbps/ 1Mbps	N/A	N/A	R 452.94	R 604.25	R 455	R 605	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10Mbps/ 5Mbps	R 599	R 699	N/A	N/A	R 605	R 655	R 402.50	R 503.38	R 553.82	R 604.25
20Mbps/ 10Mbps	R 899	R 999	N/A	N/A	R 860	R 960	R 452.94	R 705.13	N/A	N/A
40Mbps/2 0Mbps	R 999	R 1 199	N/A	N/A	R 910	R 1 110	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
50Mbps/ 25Mbps	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	R 755.57	R 906.89	R 899	R 1 007.76
100Mbps/ 50Mbps	R 1 199	R 1 499	N/A	N/A	R 1 210	R 1 315	R 856.45	R 1 007.76	R 1 310.39	R 1 411.27

Table 33: FTTH Tariff Plans offered by MTN

Line Speed	MTN FTTH Uncappe d	MTN Vumatel Uncapped	MTN MetroFibre Uncapped	MTN Balwin Fibre Uncapped	MTN Waterfall Access Networks Uncapped	MTN DFA Uncapped	MTN Octotel Uncapped	MTN Openserve Uncapped	MTN SA Digital Villages Uncapped	MTN Frogfoot Uncapped
4Mbps/ 4Mbps	R 798	R 598	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	R 698	N/A	N/A
10Mbps/1 0Mbps	R 898	N/A	R 698	R 558	R 598	N/A	R 758	R 898	R 658	R 758
20Mbps/2 0Mbps	R 998	R 798	N/A	R 698	R 798	R 798	R 958	R 1 108	R 758	R 898
50Mbps/5 0Mbps	R 1 208	R 998	R 1 108	R 798	R 958	R 898	N/A	N/A	R 958	R 998
100Mbps/ 100Mbps	R 1 308	R 1 108	R 1 268	R 1068	R 1 208	R 998	R 1 268	R 1 908	R 1 268	R 1 268

Source: ICASA database based on tariff notifications

Table 34: FTTB Tariff Plans offered by MTN

Line	MTN	MTN	MTN	MTN
Speed	FTTB Uncapped	FTTB Uncapped	FTTB Uncapped	FTTN Uncapped
	Openserve	Octotel	SA Digital Villages	OpenFibre
4Mbps/2Mbps	R 698	N/A	N/A	N/A
10Mbps/5Mbps	R 898	R 1 388	R 2 688	N/A
20Mbps/10Mbps	R 1 108	N/A	R 3 088	R 1 388
50Mbps/25Mbps	N/A	R 2 488	R 4 888	R 1 688
100Mbps/50Mbps	R 1 908	R 4 888	R 7 088	R 1 988

Table 35: FTTH Tariff Plans offered by Cell C

Line Speed	Cell C SA Digital Villages Uncapped	Cell C Openserve Uncapped	Cell C Vuma Uncapped	Cell C Vuma GPON Uncapped	Cell C Edge Telecoms Uncapped	Cell C Fibresurburb Networks Uncapped	Cell C Frogfoot Uncapped	Cell C Metrofibre Uncapped	Cell C Octotel Uncapped	Cell C Waterfall Access Networks Uncapped
4Mbps/ 2Mbps	N/A	R 749	R 705	R 705	R 499	N/A	N/A		N/A	
10Mbps/ 10Mbps	R 599	R 856	N/A	N/A	R 599	R 699	R 759	R 759	R 655	R 706
20Mbps/ 20Mbps	R 799	R 907	R 907	N/A	R 749	N/A	R 809	N/A	R 807	R 907
50Mbps/ 50Mbps	R 999	N/A	R 1 059	R 1059	R 999	R 899	R 899	R 1 109	N/A	R 1 008
100Mbps/ 100Mbps	R 1 399	R 1 259	R 1 210	R 1 210	R 1 199	R 1 099	R 999	R 1 399	R 1 008	R 1 260

Source: ICASA database based on tariff notifications

Table 36: FTTH Tariff Plans offered by Telkom and MWEB

Line Speed	Telkom Capped	Telkom Uncapped	MWEB Vumatel Uncapped	MWEB Openserve Uncapped	MWEB Octotel Uncapped	MWEB Century City Uncapped	MWEB Froogfoot Uncapped	MWEB Vuma Aerial Uncapped	MWEB SA Digital Villages
4Mbps/ 1Mbps	N/A	N/A	R 729	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	R 729	N/A
10Mbps/ 5Mbps	R 705.13	R 799	N/A	R 679	R 629	R 529	R 669	N/A	R 619
20Mbps/ 10Mbps	R 806.10	R 999	R 829	R 929	R 829	R 729	R 829	R 829	R 809
40Mbps/ 20Mbps	R 1 007.76	R 1 299	N/A	R 1 039	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
50Mbps/ 25Mbps	N/A	N/A	R 1 039	N/A	N/A	R 879	N/A	R 1 039	R 999
100Mbps/ 50Mbps	R 1 613.30	R 1 699	R 1 239	R 1 339	R 1 139	R 1 039	R 1 139	R 1 239	R 1 179

Table 37: FTTH and FTTB Tariff plans offered by Cybersmart

Line Speed	Cybersmart Lite Home Uncapped Openserve	Cybersmart Premium Home Uncapped Openserve	Cybersmart Business Uncapped Openserve
4Mbps/4Mbps	R 555	R 615	R 715
10Mbps/10Mbps	R 655	R 865	R 965
20Mbps/20Mbps	R 905	R 1 215	R 1 105
40Mbps/40 Mbps	R 1 115	R 1 415	R 1 615
100Mbps/100Mbps	R 1 305	R 1 615	R 1 815

Source: ICASA database based on tariff notification

## 2.8. Regulatory interventions underway to address high data charges

# 2.8.1.ICASA published End User Subscriber Charter Regulations, Gazette number 41613, published on 7 May 2018.

The End-User and Subscriber Service Charter Regulations were initially gazetted on 01 May 2018, Gazette number 41613, and were meant to come into effect on the 08<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 but were put on review by Cell C and MTN. After a settlement was reached between the Authority, Cell C and MTN, which was made an order of court, the Regulations were to become effective on 28 February 2019.

Before implementation, licensees made representations which led to the second amendment of the Regulations which were gazetted on 12 February 2019, Gazette number 42225. The most pertinent changes in the second amendment, were:

- regulation 8B(2): according to this regulation the end-user would be disconnected, or the licensee would have to continue providing data services to the end-user on the "same terms and conditions applicable under in-bundle usage, if it they do not buy additional bundles and have not opted into being charged OOB rates, in terms of regulation 8B(1) (c); and
- regulation 8B (1) (c): Licensees *must* provide end-users an option to opt out of receiving data usage depletion notifications which they can receive in intervals of 50%, 80% and 100%.

However, Cell C and Vodacom requested for additional time, up to June 2019, to align their systems to accommodate the new amendments. This led to the Authority extending the effective date of the new amendments as follows:

- Regulations 8A(1), 8B(1)(a) and 8B(2) of the 2019 Amendments was suspended until 12 April 2019;
- The operation of paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 of the 2019 Amendments was also suspended until 12 April 2019;
- Prior to 12 April 2019, the provisions of Regulations 8A(1), 8B(1)(a), 8B(1)(c), 8B(1)(d) and 8B(2) of the End-User and Subscriber Services Charter Amendment Regulations, 2018 will apply; and

 Save for the specific Regulations suspended, the effective date of the Amendment Regulations was set for 1 March 2019.

The Authority has so far observed a positive response to the Regulations from operators as they are offering tariff plans with roll over for unused data and a reduction in OOB rates as highlighted above, in section 2.4.3.

#### 2.8.2. Medium-term initiatives

## 2.8.2.1. Market inquiry into the broadband services markets

The purpose of the proposed broadband market inquiry is to identify broadband markets or market segments susceptible to *ex ante* regulation and immediately conduct market reviews in respect of those markets.

The inquiry which is being conducted in terms of section 4B read with section 67(4) of the ECA is aimed at addressing the concerns raised by various stakeholders regarding data prices, and to respond to the final policy direction on effective competition in broadband markets and the reduction of data costs.

The Authority published a questionnaire on its website on 20 November 2018 and it is awaiting written responses to this request for information from relevant stakeholders. The deadline for submission of information is 15 March 2019.

## 2.8.3. Long-term initiatives

These refer to initiatives that will take longer than twelve months to implement.

## 2.8.3.1. Priority Markets Inquiry

On 17 August 2018, the Authority finalised its Inquiry into Priority Markets, in terms of section 4B of the ICASA Act, having identified the following markets that have been prioritised for market reviews:

 Wholesale fixed access, which includes wholesale supply of asymmetric broadband origination, fixed access services and relevant facilities;

- Upstream infrastructure markets incorporating national transmission services and metropolitan connectivity and relevant facilities; and
- Mobile services, which includes the retail market for mobile services and the wholesale supply of mobile network services, including relevant facilities.

#### 3. Conclusion

Cell C seem to have changed its data pricing strategy in the period under review, whereby they have adjusted their data bundle packages by discontinuing some and introducing others that offer more data allocation and are effectively priced lower.

Rain's 1GB bundle offering priced at R 50, has a positive impact for customers as they are paying less when compared to similar data bundles in the market and it has increased customer choice. With the steadily evolving market, the Authority is expecting to see similar affordable offerings being launched in the market in the short to medium term. Lycamobile offered the lowest 2GB data bundle priced at R 79 when compared to other licensees.

The Authority observed competitiveness between licensees in terms of the number of promotions that were on offer in the market, during the period under review, with 31 promotions launched. Most of these were either extensions, amendments and/or reintroductions of previous promotions, which signals that customers react positively to promotions and it is therefore a strategic tool by licensees to incentivise, reward (loyal customers) and attract new customers.

The positive initiative by operators to embrace OTTs continued in the period under review; however, some of these tariff plans have been amended to increase prices such as MTN social bundles or reduce data allocation such as Vodacom Ticket.

The Authority will continue to monitor and publish this report with retail market prices to ensure that subscribers have information on the competitive rates which are prevailing in the market.

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Annexure A: List of Other<sup>21</sup> Tariff Notifications Filed During the Period Under Review

TARIFF PLAN	EXPLANATION OF THE TARIFF PLAN	RELEVANT DATES	PRICING/PRODUCT/PACKAGE	PRICING/PRODUCT/PACKAGE INFORMATION						
Cell C	Customers who	Filed: 04	Table 38: Cell C DataBoosta Tariff Plan			Ongoing as at 31				
DataBoosta	purchase an eligible	July 2018	Service	Time of Day	Price (VAT Inclusive)	December 2018				
(Bonus	data bundle receive		Data	Anytime	R 1.25 (per MB)					
Data) Tariff	the inclusive data	Effective/	Voice calls (to any local network at	Anytime	R 1.25 (per MB)					
Plan	volume purchased plus the 20% of the		anytime) SMS (to any local network at anytime)	Anytime	R 0.50					
	data bundle		MMS	Anytime	R 0.50					
	purchased ("20%	July 2018	International SMS	Anytime	R 1.74					
	Data Bonus").	Amendment	International Calls	Anytime	As per international calling rate					
		Date: 09	International Roaming	Anytime	As per country and individual network rates					
	Customers can migrate to the "20% Data Bonus" tariff plan via the *147# or *108# USSD channels.	July 2018	Table 39: Cell C DataBoosta Applicable	Bundles and 20	% Bonus Data					

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Other tariff notifications filed or received during the period under review that were in existence as at end of 31 December 2018 which were not discussed/mentioned in the main part of this report

			Bundle	<b>Bundle Size Price</b>	Price	20% Bonus Data	Total Data	
			Daily	20MB	R 4	4MB	24MB	
			Daily Data	50MB	R 9	10MB	60MB	
			Data	100MB	R 14	20MB	120MB	
				30MB	R 12	6MB	36MB	  -
				60MB	R 20	12MB	72MB	1
				100MB	R 29	20MB	120MB	4
				200MB	R 49 R 99	40MB	240MB	4
			Monthly	500MB 1GB	R 149	100MB 205MB	600MB 1,2GB	-
			Monthly Data	2GB	R 249	410MB	2,4GB	-
			Data	3GB	R 299	615MB	3,6GB	-
				5GB	R 399	1GB	6GB	1
				10GB	R 599	2GB	12GB	1
				20GB	R 799	4GB	24GB	1
				30GB	R 899	6GB	36GB	1
Hourly and Daily Data	post-paid customers hourly data bundles,	06 July 2018				35# USSD Channo		December 2018
-		2010	Bundle Siz	ze	Price (VAT I	nclusive)	Validity Period	
Bundles for	,		1GB		R 12		1 Hour	
Post-paid	and discounted 7-day		1GB		R 29		1 Day	
Subscribers	and 30-day data			Daily Data B	undles availa	able at MyVodaco	m App	
	bundles.		1GB		R 19		1 Day	
					un alle a voia M	hall a de acomo Amera (1	Discounted)	
	T			y and 30-Day Data B			*	
	The data offers are		<b>7-Da</b> 1GB	y and 30-Day Data B	R 49		7 Days	
	available through		1GB 1GB			)	*	
			1GB		R 49	)	7 Days	
	available through		1GB 1GB		R 49	)	7 Days	

Cell C Pay	Cell C's Pay Bill	Filed: 09	Table 41: Cell C Pay Bill	Assist Monthly Recurring	ı Data	Ongoing as at 31
Bill Assist	Assist Monthly	July 2018				December 2018
(Bill	Recurring Data is a					
Protection)	value-added service	Effective/	Service	Validity	Subscription	
Monthly	(VAS) to assist	Launch	120MB Monthly	validity	Subscription	
Recurring	qualifying post-paid	Date: 18	Recurring Data VAS	Monthly Recurring	R 49	
Data VAS	or hybrid customers	July 2018	400MB Monthly			
	to continue paying		Recurring Data VAS	Monthly Recurring	R 89	
	their cellular bills	Amendment				
	and be able to	Date: 13	Source: ICASA Database			
	maintain the costs of	December				
	their handsets in the	2018			n is available on the licensee's	
	event of death,		website by following the <a href="https://www.cellc.co.za/">https://www.cellc.co.za/</a>			
	accident, injury,		ntcps.//www.cenc.co.za/	celic/pay-bill-assist		
	involuntary					
	unemployment,					
	unpaid maternity					
	leave or unpaid post-					
	child birth leave.					
Vodacom	The Vodacom Interim	Filed:	The 100GB promotion	for R 599 per month	n is available to all Bitstream and	Ongoing as at 31
Fibre	LTE Access	10 July	Self-build networks.	During the promotio	nal period the 30GB and 50GB	December 2018,
Interim LTE	promotion is only	2018	Interim LTE Access pr	ice plan will not be av	ailable.	however it is to be
Access	available to new					decommissioned on
Promotion	Vodacom Fibre	Effective/				31 July 2019
	Interim LTE Access	Launch				
	customers.	Date:				
		31 July				
		2018				

		Extension Date: 14 September 2018; 22 January 2019					
Vodacom	Vodacom Broadband	Filed:	Table 42: Vodacom Broadban				Ongoing as at 31
New	Connect Interim price	11 July	BBC Fibre Interim	Contract	Term I	Monthly Subscription	December 2018
Broadband	plans are available to	2018	Bundle				
Connect	customers on		30GB	month-to-		R 349	
Fibre	Vodacom Broadband		50GB	month-to-	-month	R 649	
Interim and	Connect Fibre self-	Effective/	100GB	month-to-	-month	R 899	
Backup	build and third-party	Launch					
Tariffs	provider networks.	Date:					
		24 July	Table 43: Vodacom Broadban	d Connect (BBC) E	Backup Plan Pric	ces	
		2018	BBC Fibre Interim	12 months	24 month		
			Bundle	(VAT	(VAT	(VAT	
				Inclusive)	Inclusive)	Inclusive)	
			5GB 10GB	R 149 R 189	R 129 R 159	R 99	
			Source: ICASA Database	K 189	K 159	R 139	
			Additional information is availahttps://www.vodacom.co.za/	odacom/terms/fit	ore/vodacom-fib	ore-interim-lte-access	

Vodacom	Vodacom Broadband	Filed:	Table 44: Vodace	om BBC Mall Pr	remium Unc	apped Prices			Ongoing as at 31
Broadband	Connect Mall is	11 July	Internet	Maximum	Installati	12 months	24 months	36 months	December 2018
Connect	offered to Small and	2018	Solutions	Download/		Subscriptio	Subscriptio	subscriptio	
Mall	Medium Enterprise			Upload		n Fee	n Fee	n fee	
Premium	(SME's) and larger	Effective/		Speed		VAT	VAT	VAT	
Tariffs	enterprises that	Launch				Inclusive	Inclusive	Inclusive	
	reside in a mall to	Date:	BBC Mall Premium	5/5Mbps	R 8 000	R 4 199	R 4 089	R 3 989	
	benefit from scalable,	24 July	Uncapped						
	high speed internet	2018	5Mbps BBC Mall	100/100Mb	R 8 000	R 19 099	R 18 999	R 18 899	
	access. The		Premium	ps	K 8 000	K 19 099	K 10 999	K 10 099	
	symmetrical line	Amendment	Uncapped 100Mbps						
	speeds range	Date(s):	Fibre Com	Maximum	Installati	12 months	24 months	36 months	
	between 5Mbps up to	28	Connectivity	Download/		Subscriptio	Subscriptio	subscriptio	
	100Mbps uncapped	September		Upload		n Fee	n Fee	n fee	
	data plans.	2018;		Speed		VAT	VAT	VAT	
	data pians.	03 October				Inclusive	Inclusive	Inclusive	
		2018	BBC Mall Premium	5/5Mbps	R 5 750	R 1 799	R 1 699	R 1 599	
		2016	Uncapped						
			5Mbps BBC Mall	100/100Mb	R 5 750	R 9 099	R 8 999	R 8 899	
			Premium	ps	113730	K 9 099	1 0 333	K 0 033	
			Uncapped 100Mbps						
			SADV	Maximum		12 months	24 months	36 months	
				Download		Subscriptio	Subscriptio	subscriptio	
				/Upload		n Fee	n Fee	n fee	
				Speed		VAT	VAT	VAT Inclusive	
			BBC Mall	5/5Mbps	R 1 513	Inclusive R 2 299	Inclusive R 1 999	R 1 899	
			Premium	3/טויוכ /כ	K 1 313	K 2 233	K 1 333	K 1 033	
			Uncapped 5Mbps						

Cell C Cell C's Corporate Filed: 25 Corporate Self Services Portal is available on a 12 or 24 months contract and Ongoing as at 31	Vodacom Fibre Broadband Self-Built Promotion	The new Vodacom Fibre Broadband Self-Built Promotion is a fibre broadband service available to new eligible FTTH customers who sign up during the promotional period for the 12 months or 24 months Vodacom Fibre Broadband contract.	Filed: 25 July 2018  Effective/ Launch Date: 06 August 2018  Extension Date: 22 October 2018; 22 January 2019	BBC Mall Premium Uncapped 100Mbps Source: ICASA Database Additional information is averaged in the promotional offering free monthly subscription is averaged and contract enjoy. Additional information is averaged in the promotional offering free monthly subscription is averaged. Additional information is averaged in the promotional offering free monthly subscription. Additional information is averaged in the promotional offering free monthly subscription.	ailable on the li /business/bu	siness-data-so 1f82-e8bb le only to new opting for the ated activation censee's websit	subscribers at 12-month Von charge.	as a 3 months odacom Fibre the link below:	Ongoing as at 31 December 2018, however it is to be decommissioned on 31 March 2019.
Corporate   Self Services Portal is   July 2018   attracts a charge of R 11.50 per SIM registered.   December 2018	Cell C Corporate	Cell C's Corporate Self Services Portal is	Filed: 25 July 2018	•			or 24 months	contract and	Ongoing as at 31 December 2018

Self	targeted at Corporate					
Services	(Business and	Effective/	Additional information is available on the li	censee's website by	y following the link below:	
Portal	Government)	Launch				
	customers. The	Date: 06	https://www.cellc.co.za/cellc/corporate-se	elfService		
	Portal would enable	August				
	corporate customers	2018				
	to link their corporate	2010				
	·					
	users to their account					
	and manage them					
	from the Portal. The					
	Corporate Self					
	Services Portal only					
	manages corporate					
	lines provided by Cell					
	C.					
MTN Post-	MTN's Business	Filed: 30	Table 45: MTN Business Access Mobile Pos	st-Paid Price Plan		Ongoing as at 31
paid Price	Access Mobile is a	July 2018	Connection & Sim Card	R 86.84 (excludi	ng 15% VAT)	December 2018
Plan	standard post-paid	,	Monthly Subscription			
Business	price plan, with no		Inclusive Monthly Data	0 MB		
			Inclusive SMS	0 SMS		
Access	inclusive value, and		Inclusive Any-net Voice Minutes  Contract Length Options	0 Minutes 3,6,12,24 Months	<u> </u>	
Mobile	has a monthly		Subscriber Usage Limit	R 0	,	
(BAM)	subscription for			-		
	access to the		Table 46: MTN Business Access Mobile Pos	st-Paid Price Plan O	OB Rates	
	network.		Table 1817711 Basiness ricess riceine 183			
			Voice (all least set	Service	Rate	
	Current recurring		Voice (all local net	Data	R 0.69/min R 0.99/MB	
	and/or ad hoc			SMS (On-net)	R 0.18/SMS	
	bundles can be added		SMS (Othe	er local networks)	R 0.66/SMS	
			SM	1S (International)	R 1.40/SMS	

	to this price plan by		Source: ICASA Databas						
	the customers.								
	the customers.		Additional information is	s available on the licensee's we	bsite by following the links				
			below:		, ,				
			http://www.mtnbusines	s.com/za/en/Downloads/pages	/product-terms-and-				
			conditions.aspx						
			http://www.mtnbusiness.o	http://www.mtnbusiness.com/za/en/Downloads/pages/product-terms-and-conditions.aspx					
MTN Data	MTN amended the	Filed: 01	The data sessions in	out-of-bundle data will be	Ongoing as at 31				
Billing	billing increments for	August	billed in 25KB (kiloby	December 2018					
Increments	its prepaid data	2018							
Across	services across all		All free or promotiona	al data sessions will deplete	in 100KB (kilobyte)				
Prepaid	price plans and		increments.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	(				
Packages	services in relation to		indicinents:						
rackages									
	data usage.								
MTN Mobile	This promotion is	Filed: 01	Table 47: Applicable M	ITN Mobile Broadband and Ma	ade for Home Packages to the	Ongoing as at 31			
Broadband	targeted at selected	August	Promotional Data Alloca	tion		December 2018			
and Made	respective contract								
for Home	deals, where	2010	Qualifying Deals	Extra Anytime Data	Extra Night Time Data				
	,	F.C /	My MTNChoice 5GB	Data Bundle 2GB	Night Express 5GB				
Promotion	customers who	Effective/							
	subscribe to the	Launch	My MTNChoice 10GB	Data Bundle 5 GB	Night Express 10GB				
	selected packages	Date: Valid	My MTNChoice 20GB  My MTNChoice 30GB	Data Bundle 10GB  Data Bundle 15GB	Night Express 20GB Night Express 30GB				
	bundled with a device	from seven	My MTNChoice 50GB	Data Bundle 15GB  Data Bundle 25 GB	Night Express 50GB				
	receive additional	days of this	MTN Made for Home	MTN Made Home Bundle 15GB	Night Express 15GB				
	free data allocations.	notice	15GB		- '				
			MTN Made for Home	MTN Made Home Bundle 20GB	Night Express 30GB				
			30GB						

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			MTN Made for Home	MTN Made Home Bundle 40GB	Night Express 60GB	
			60GB			
			MTN Made for Home	MTN Made Home Bundle 70GB	Night Express 110GB	
			110GB			
			Source: ICASA Database	e		
			Additional information is available on the licensee's website by following the links			ıks
			below:			
			https://www.mtn.co.za/	<u>'Pages/Fixed-LTE.aspx</u>		
		I	https://www.mtn.co.za/Pages/Contract-Landing.aspx			
MTN Youth	MTN's Youth	Filed: 07	The youth subscribers	s would be required to suc	cessfully complete four	(4) Ongoing as at 31
Gamification	Gamification	August	games, one game at a time with a three (3) day interval between the December 2018			
Promotion	promotion target	2018	games, will be provisioned with 1 Gigabyte (1 GB) of data for free which is			
	subscribers between		valid for two (2) days	S.		
	the ages of 18-24					
	years who subscribe					
	and use the MTN					
	Gamification.					
Virgin	Cell C filed the Virgin	Filed: 07	Table 48: Virgin Mobile SA Prepaid Standard Tariff Plan Rates Amendment			Ongoing as at 31
Mobile	Mobile amendment of	August 2018	Previous Price Current Price % Variance			
		August 2010	On-net voice per minute	R1	R 1.29 29%	Beccinisci 2010
Amendment	its prepaid standard		Off-net voice per minute	R 1	R 1.29 29%	
of Prepaid	tariff plan rates.	Effective/	Data out- of- bundle per MB	R 0.50	R 0.99 98%	
On-Net		Launch	Source: ICASA Database	<u> </u>	I	
Voice, Off-		Date: 21				
Net Voice		August	Additional information is available on the licensee's website by following the link below:			
and OOB		2018	http://www.virginmobile.co.za/our-rates/prepaid/			
rates.						
Vodacom of	Vodacom Fibre	Filed:	Table 49: Vodacom of F	Ongoing as at 31		
			Download	Monthly	Monthly Subscripti	December 2018,
Fibre Evotel	Broadband - Evotel		Dominouu	Tionenty	Trontiny Subscript	December 2016,

Precincts	Promotion is	07 August	Line Speed	(Mbps)					however it is to be
Promotion	available to new and	2018	10/5		100		D 440		decommissioned in
	qualified existing		10/5		100		R 449 R 549		31 March 2019.
	customers on the	Effective/	10/10 20/20		Uncapped		R 679		
	following Evotel	_	40/40		Uncapped		R 749		
	precincts: Westlake,		100/100		Uncapped		R 1 049		
	Waterstone Park,		Source: ICASA	Databasa	Uncapped		K 1 049		
	•		Source: ICASA	Database					
	Malakite, Greenstone	2016	۸ ما ما نامانه استار		المطاحة واطوان	anaaala wahait	ha hu fallawina	the link below:	
	Gate, Pebble Creek,		http://www.vc					the link below:	
	Sovereign Park,		nttp.//www.vc	uacom.co.za/	vouacom/term	S/TIDI E/ VOUACO	ini-nbre		
	Cambridge,								
	Petervale,								
	Stoneriver, Cedar								
	Acres and Sandown.								
Standard	Standard Bank	Filed:	Table 50: Star	dard Bank Mo	bile Tariff Plan	S			
Bank South	Mobile is an MVNO	16 August	Product	SBSATarif	SBSATarif	SBSATarif	SBSATarif	SBSATarif	
Africa	providing cellular and	2018;		f1	f2	f3	f4	f5	
(SBSA)	data services on Cell	04	Voice per	R 1.29	R 0.99	R 1.50	R 0.90	R 1.29	
Tariff Filing	C's network.	September	minute						
	Standard Bank South	2018	Data per	R 0.99	R 0.25	R 0.50	R 0.49	R 0,49	
	Africa launched four		MB	D 0 60	D 0 60	D 0 60	D 0 60	D 0 60	
	tariff plans; tariff 1,	Effective/	Local MMS	R 0.60	R 0.60	R 0.60	R 0.60	R 0.60	
	tariff 2, tariff 3 and		SMS	R 0.60	R 0.60	R 0.60	R 0.60	R 0.60	
	tariff 4. The service is		Internation	R 2	R 2	R 2	R 2	R 2	
	exclusive to Standard		al SMS						
		1	Internation	R 4.50	R 4.50	R 4.50	R 4.50	R 4.50	
	Bank customers.	2018;	al MMS						

Standard Bank	14	Table 51: Standard Bank N	Nobile Data VAS Tariff Ty	pes
Mobile also offer VAS	September	Tariff per MB	Price	Tariff Validity Period
products for voice	2018	R 0.15	R 49	30 Days from subscribing
calls and data that			K 49	date
modify the tariff		R 0.12	R 69	30 Days from subscribing
offerings in			K 03	date
_		R 0.09	R 99	30 Days from subscribing
accordance to the			K 99	date
VAS product that the		R 0.07	R 149	30 Days from subscribing
customer purchases.			K 143	date
		R 0.05	R 249	30 Days from subscribing
			K 243	date
		Tariff per Minute	Price	i ariii validity Period
		Table 52: Standard Bank N	Nobile Voice VAS Tariff Ty Price	Tariff Validity Period
		R 0.99	R 29	30 Days from subscribing
			R 29	30 Days from subscribing date
		R 0.99	R 29	30 Days from subscribing date 30 Days from subscribing
		R 0.89		30 Days from subscribing date  30 Days from subscribing date
				30 Days from subscribing date  30 Days from subscribing date  30 Days from subscribing
		R 0.89	R 39	30 Days from subscribing date  30 Days from subscribing date  30 Days from subscribing date
		R 0.89	R 39	30 Days from subscribing date 30 Days from subscribing date 30 Days from subscribing date 30 Days from subscribing
		R 0.89  R 0.79  R 0.49	R 39 R 79	30 Days from subscribing date  30 Days from subscribing date  30 Days from subscribing date
		R 0.89	R 39 R 79	30 Days from subscribing date
		R 0.89  R 0.79  R 0.49  Source: ICASA Database	R 39 R 79 R 139	30 Days from subscribing date
		R 0.89  R 0.79  R 0.49  Source: ICASA Database  Additional information is av	R 39 R 79 R 139 railable on the licensee's	30 Days from subscribing date  website by following the link below
		R 0.89  R 0.79  R 0.49  Source: ICASA Database	R 39 R 79 R 139 railable on the licensee's	30 Days from subscribing date  website by following the link below

MTN All-Net	The MTN All-Net	Filed: 16	Table 53: MTN PAYG L	Daily All-Net Bundle			Ongoing as at 31
Voice Bundles	Voice Bundles are	August 2018		Inclusive All Net	Bundle Price	Effective rate	December 2018
	local voice calls,		Voice Bundle	minutes			
	available to prepaid		Daily 20 minutes				
	customers as Daily,		all Net Voice	20 minutes	R 10	R 0.50	
	Weekly and monthly		Daily 30 minutes				
	All-Net voice calling		all Net voice	30 minutes	R 12	R 0.40	
	bundles.		Daily 60 minutes				
			all Net voice	60 minutes	R 20	R 0.33	
	The voice bundles are		Source: ICASA Databa	ase			
	available for		Table 54: MTN PAYG V				
	purchase by prepaid		PAYG All Net	Inclusive All Net			
	customers via USSD,		Voice Bundle	minutes	Bundle Price	Effective rate	
	MTN App, Interactive		Weekly 50 minutes	50 minutes all Net	R 20	R 0.40	
	Voice Response		all Net Voice	30 minutes dii Nec	1 20	10110	
	(IVR), and logical		Weekly 150	150 minutes all			
	vouchers. It should		minutes all Net voice	Net voice	R 45	R 0.35	
	be noted that All-Net		Weekly 250				
	voice bundles are not		minutes all Net	250 minutes all	R 70	R 0.28	
	transferable through		voice	Net voice			
	Me2U. Base price		Weekly 500	F00 minutes all			
	plans rates apply		minutes all Net	500 minutes all  Net voice	R 120	R 0.24	
	upon depletion or		voice				
	expiry of the All-Net		Source: ICASA Databa	ase			
	voice bundles.						
			Table 55: MTN PAYG N				
	Customers would			Inclusive All Net	Bundle Price	Effective rate	
	also benefit from the			minutes			

	lower effective rates		PAYG All	Net				
	ranging from R 0.24		Voice Bundl	е				
	to R 0.50 per minute.		Monthly minutes all voice	60 net	60 minutes	R 25	R 0.42	
			Weekly minutes all voice	100 Net	100 minutes	R 40	R 0.40	
			Monthly minutes all voice	200 Net	200 minutes all Net voice	R 70	R 0.35	
			Monthly minutes all voice	300 Net	300 minutes all Net voice	R 90	R 0.30	
			Monthly minutes all voice	500 Net	500 minutes	R 140	R 0.28	
			Monthly minutes all voice	1000 Net	1000 minutes	R 240	R 0.24	
				rmation			ollowing the link below:	
MTN Made	MTN introduced the	Filed:	Table 56: Mad	e to Sh	are Price Plan		NATE NO.	Ongoing as at
to Share Price Plan	Made to Share product suite for its SME customers. This	22 August 2018	Price Plan Na	me	MTN Made to Share S	MTN Made to Share M	MTN Made to Share L	December 20:

	is a post-pain plan		Monthly	R 1738.26	R 3129.57	R 5216.52	
			Subscription (VAT	1750.20	K 3123.37	K 3210.32	
	which is available on		Excluded)				
	a MtM, 6, 12,24 or 36		Excluded)				
	months fixed -term		V. P. P.	1 2 6 12 24 26			
	contract. In this plan		Validity	1,3,6,12,24,36, m			
	customers can add-			Monthl	y Inclusive		
	on booster bundles.		All-Net voice	500	1000	2000	
			minutes				
	The main member		Data (GB)	25	50	100	
	can link a maximum		SMS	400 SMS/day/Mem	nber		
	number of SIM		Ingroup Calling	1000 Ingroup calli	ng minutes/member/n	nonth	
	cards/Members		Number of SIMS	5	10	20	
	through the My		Sharing				
	MTNza APP.		Maximum	5	10	20	
			additional SIMS				
			Source: ICASA Datab	ase			
			Additional information	n is available on the	licensee's website by f	ollowing the link below:	
			http://www.mtnbusir	ness.com/za/en/Dow	nloads/pages/product	-terms-and-	
			conditions.aspx				
Call	Call C Madia Play Data	Tiled.	Table F7, Call C Madi	ia Play Data plans			Ongoing as at 21
Cell C	Cell C MediaPlay Data	Filed:	Table 57: Cell C Medi		- Diagram - Markin Diagram	Madia Diag	Ongoing as at 31
MediaPlay	plans are offered only	22 August		ediaPlay Media			December 2018
Data Plans	for fixed usage on an	2018	Da	ta 20GB Data	45GB Data 80GI	B Data 175 GB	
	LTE enabled device		Subscription R 2	239 R 489	R 849	R 1 099	
	with a Cell C USIM	Effective/		Techno	ive Value		
	and are available as	Launch					
	post-paid SIM-only	Date:	Data 20	GB 5GB	80GB	175GB	
	F111 P411	_ 5.00.		•	•		

	24-month contract	01	Content	Black FLEXI	Black FLEXI	Black BINGE	Black BINGE	
	option.	September		Access	Access	Premium	Premium	
	I	2018						
	Cell C MediaPlay only		Black Data		Free St	reaming		
	offer LTE access with		Daily Fair	2GB/ day	2GB/ day	2GB/ day	2GB/ day	
	no fall back to 2G/3G		Usage Policy					
	and does not roam on		(FUP)					
	Vodacom whilst using			Cell C Me	ediaPlay Data P	lan Rates		
	MediaPlay data.		SMS/MMS	R 0.51				
	Voice usage is							
	excluded from the		Internationa I SMS	R 1.72				
	Cell C MediaPlay Data		ISMS					
	plans.		OOB Data	R 1/MB				
	pians.							
			Wi-Fi Calling	R 1.52/Min				
			Billing	Per Second Billi	ng			
			Increments					
			Source: ICASA D	)atabase				
			Additional inform	nation is available	on the licensee's	website by follow	vina the link	
			below:			, ,	<b>3</b>	
			https://www.cell	c.co.za/cellc/med	<u>liaplay</u>			
Vodacom	Vodacom amended	Filed:	The SP incentiv	ve data bundles	is only availab	le on selected n	ew or upgrade	Ongoing a
Amendment	the terms and	23 August	postpaid and to	op-up price plar	ns according to	the deals create	ed. The bundles	December
to Service	conditions for this	2018	are offered to t	the customer at	no cost and ar	e offered as an	incentive to the	
Provider	promotion by adding							

Incentive	the 111# channel		customer for a predefined period of time. Only selected price plans of a 24	
Data Bundle	through which data		months contract have the recurring SP incentive bundle.	
Promotion:	bundle balances		-	
Terms and	enquires can be		Additional information is available on the licensee's website by following the link	
Conditions	obtained.		below:	
Gorrandian	0000			
			https://www.vodacom.co.za/vodacom/terms/promotions/sp-incentive-data-bundles	
Vodacom	Vodacom introduced	Filed:	The tariff plan is offered at R599 per bundle (1000 minutes).	Ongoing as at 31
New 1000	a new 1000 Min all	23 August		December 2018
Min Voice	net voice bundle that	2018		
Bundle	is made available to			
	post-paid and hybrid			
	customers.			
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Vodacom	Vodacom amended	Filed:	The Extra Airtime tariff plan had an increase in the recharge value back from	Ongoing as at 31
Amendment	the terms and	24 August	50% to 100%, an increase in the local any network, any time voice tariff from	December 2018
to Power	conditions for its	2018	R 1.50 to R 3 per minute (billed per second), an increase in the data bundle	
Bonus	Power Bonus tariff		from R 1.50 per MB to R 3 per MB and an increase in the price of SMS from	
Terms and	plan; Extra Airtime.		R 0.50 to R 1 per SMS.	
Conditions				
			Additional information is available at the licensee's website by following the link below:	
			https://www.vodacom.co.za/vodacom/terms/power-bonus	
				_
Vodacom	Vodacom amended	Filed:	The Vodacom Siyakha tariff plan had an increase in the recharge value back	Ongoing as at 31
Amendment	the terms and	24 August	from 50% to 100%, an increase in the local any network, any time voice tariff	December 2018
to Siyakha Price Plan		2018	from R 1.50 to R 3 per minute (billed per second), an increase in the data	
Fidil				

Terms and	conditions for its		bundle from	R 1.50 pe	r MB to R 3	per MB a	nd an increase	e in the price of SMS	
Conditions	Siyakha price plan.		from R 0.50	to R 1 per	SMS.				
							,	ollowing the link below:	
							•	na/siyakha-price-plan	
			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				akha-price-plar	1	
MTN	MTN Business	Filed: 24	Table 58: MT	N Business E	Broadband LT	E Price Pla	an		Ongoing as at 31
Business	Broadband LTE is	August				Current	Promotio	%	December 2018
Broadband	targeted at MTN	2018	Price	Inclusive	Data	Price	nal Price	variance/discoun	
LTE	Business customers		plan			(Incl.	((Incl.	t	
Promotion	and consists of 7	Effective/				VAT)	VAT)		
	price plans and 2	Launch		Anytime	Work				
	device options. The	Date: Valid	LTE 10GB	10GB	5GB	R 199	R 169	-15.1%	
	•		LTE 15GB	15GB	10GB	R 299	R 199	-33.4%	
	discounted price plan	from seven	LTE 30GB	30GB	20GB	R 599	R 299	-50.1%	
	and the device will be	days of this	LTE 60GB	60GB	40GB	R 999.01	R 499	-50.1%	
	applicable for 24	notice	LTE	110GB	80GB	R 1 399	R 799	-42.9%	
	months and will only		110GB						
	be available on 24-		Source: ICAS	A Database	L L		<b>-</b>		
	month deals.								
			Additional inf	ormation is a	available on t	he license	e's website by f	following the link	
			below:						
			http://www.r	ntnbusiness.	.com/za/en/s	me/Pages/	<u>/broadband-lte.</u>	<u>aspx</u>	
Vodacom	The Vodacom Fibre	Filed:	Table 59: Voc	dacom Fibre	Broadband R	405 Prom	notional Offers		Ongoing as at 31
Fibre	Broadband R 405	20	Line Speed	Data	Monthly	0	nce-Off	Once-Off	December 2018,
Broadband	Promotion was a fibre	September	(Mbps)	Сар	Subscrip	ption Cl	harge 12	Charge 24	however it got
R 405	broadband service	2018	Download	(GB)		M	onths	Months	decommissioned on
Promotion	available to eligible		Upload			Co	ontract	Contract	31 March 2019.
	precinct customers	Effective/	10Mbps/5Ml	b 50	R 405	R	505	R 0	
	precinct customers	2.1.0001407	ps						

	as determined by	Launch	Source: ICASA Database			
	,		Source. ICASA Database			
	Vodacom. The	Date:				
	promotion is	04 October		vailable on the licensee's web	osite by following the link	
	available on a 12-	2018	below:			
	month or 24-month		https://www.vodacom.co.z	a/vodacom/terms/fibre/voda	acom-fibre	
	subscription	Extension				
	packages.	Date: 22				
	раскадез.					
		January				
		2019				
MTN Retail	MTN Cloud Connect	Filed: 10		Broadband Wireless and MTN	Cloud Connect Wireless Once-	Ongoing as at 31
Ethernet	Wireless product is a	October	off Fees			December 2018
Wave: MTN	high-reliability last	2018	MTN Business Broadband Wireless and MTN Cloud	Price Including VAT @15%	Once Off Fee	
Cloud	mile service,		Connect Wireless	_		
Connect	exclusive to	Effective/	Connection fee  Downgrade access line	R 1 007.40		
Wireless	enterprise	Launch	speed Upgrade access line	No fee		
(Leased	customers. It	Date: 19	speed	R 403.65		
,			CPE Relocation cost	R 1 127		
Line) and	provides ethernet	October	Table 61: MTN Business Br	oadband Wireless Price Plan		
MTN	based connectivity	2018	MTN Business Broadba	nd Price Including VAT @1!	5%	
Business	from customer's		Wireless			-
Broadband	branch or site, to the		Port speed	Monthly Recurring Fee: - month contract	Monthly Recurring Fee 12 - month contract	
Wireless	MTN Business MPLS-		10 Mbps	R 2 100	R 1 900	
	VPN network.		20 Mbps	R 2 300	R 2 100	]
			Table 62: MTN Cloud Conn	ect Wireless Price Plan		
	The MTN Business		MTN Cloud Connect Wireless	Price Including VAT @15%		
	Broadband wireless		Port speed	Monthly Recurring Fee 12 - month contract	Monthly Recurring Fee 12 - month contract	
	product is a high-		1.11			
	reliability broadband		1Mbps 2Mbps	R 1 836.19 R 1 900.88	R 1 689.30 R 1 748.81	
	internet service,		3Mbps	R 1 967.18	R 1 809.81	
	,		4Mbps	R 2 035.16	R 1 872.35	

	offering enterprise customers Ethernet last mile connectivity with full local and international internet access.		5Mbps 6Mbps 7Mbps 8Mbps 9Mbps 10Mbps Source: ICASA Database			R 1 936.49 R 2 002.31 R 2 069.85 R 2 139.20 R 2 210.42 R 2 283.59		
			http://www.mtnbusines wireless.aspx http://www.mtnbusines	s.com/za/en/sr s.com/za/en/sr	me/Pages/mtn- me/Pages/mtn-	-business-broadb	pand-	
Cell C	Cell C SmartData	Filed:	Table 63: Cell C SmartD	ata Share Pron	notional Offers			Ongoing as at 31
SmartData	Share Top-up was	10 October	Plan	5GB	10G B	20GB	50GB	December 2018
Share Top-	only applicable to	2018	Monthly sub	R 200.75	R 301.62	R 503.38	R 906.89	7
up	new and upgrading		Inclusive anytime data	5GB	10GB	20GB	50GB	1
Promotion	customers on a 24-	Effective/	Nite data	5GB	10GB	20GB	50GB	
	month contract.	Launch	Promo anytime data	5GB	10GB	20GB	50GB	
			Promo Nite data	5GB	10GB	20GB	50GB	
	Customers would	Date:	Extra gigs anytime	5GB	10GB	20GB	50GB	_
	receive double the	22 October	Extra gigs Nite  Total data	5GB <b>30GB</b>	10GB <b>60GB</b>	20GB <b>120GB</b>	50GB <b>300GB</b>	_
	monthly data	2018	Source: ICASA Database		OUGB	120GB	30000	_
	•	2016	Source, Terisit Butubus					
	allocation and 100		Additional information is	s available on th	no liconson's w	robsita by fallowi	na tho link	
	Wi-Fi minutes for the	Amendment		avaliable on ti	ie licelisee's w	ebsite by followi	ing the link	
	24 months of the	Date: 19	below:	/!!-/		d-kb	0 = J	
	contract. The	November	https://www.cellc.co.za	rcelic/newsroor	<u>ıı-uetali/smart</u>	<u>uata-snare-unve</u>	<u>lieu</u>	
	promotion applies to	2018						
	post-paid and top-up							
	customers on the							
	5GB, 10GB, 20GB							
	•							
	and 50GB data plans.							

co (P sh bu may	The SIM cards of contracted customers (Primary SIM) could share their data bundles with a maximum of 14 MSISDNs linked on the Primary SIM at a linking fee of R 5/SIM per month.  MTN Double Your Data was made available on the MyMTN Choice 30GB and 50GB data plans, where customers opting for these data plans also receive double inclusive data allocations whilst the subscription fee remains the same.  The additional value promotion is allocated monthly for	Effective/ Launch Date: 01	Table 64: MTN Do  Price plan  Subscription  SIM Only  Anytime Inclusive Data  Night Express Data  Depletion Rate for Data  Night Express Data  Validity  Depletion Rate for Data  Expiry	ouble Your Da  My MTNChoic e 5GB R 199  5GB 5GB 10kbps  5GB 24 months 20kbps 30 days	ta Promotion  My MTNChoi ce 10GB R 299  10GB 10GB 10GB 10GB 24 months 20kbps 30 days	My MTNChoi ce 20GB R 499 20GB 20GB	My MTNChoi ce 30GB R 699 30GB 10kbps 30GB 30GB 24 months 20kbps 30 days	My MTNChoice 50GB R 999 50GB 10kbps 50GB 50GB 24 months 20kbps 30 days	Ongoing as at 31 December 2018
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24-month fixed term contract and the promotional data does not carry over.    Contract and the promotional data does not carry over.   Contract and the promotional data   Con	
contract and the promotional data does not carry over.    Contract and the promotional data does not carry over.   Contract and the promotional data does not carry over.   Contract and the promotional data does not carry over.   Monthly-	
promotional data does not carry over.    1GB +	
does not carry over.  WhatsApp- WhatsApp WhatsApp WhatsApp Monthly- Monthly	
Monthly-   -Monthly-   -Monthly-   1GB+MTN	
Twitter- Twitter- Twitter- Monthly-	
Monthly- Monthly- Monthly- Monthly- IGB+MTN	
1GB+MTN 1GB+MTN 1GB+MTN YouTube-	
YouTube- YouTube- YouTube- Monthly-	
Monthly- Monthly- Monthly- Monthly- 3GB+ Music   3GB+ 3GB+ 3GB+ 3GB+ streaming	
Music Music Music bundle-	
streaming streaming streaming 3GB+ video	
bundle- bundle- bundle- streaming	
3GB+ 3GB+ 3GB+ bundle- 5GB	
video video video video streaming streaming streaming	
bundle-   bundle-   bundle-	
Once -Off 20GB 20GB 20GB 20GB	
data	
Source: ICASA Database	
Additional information is available on the licensee's website by following the link	
below:	
http://www.mtndeals.co.za/new-deals/#sim	
MTN Made MTN introduced Filed: Table 65: Amended MTN Made for Business Prices Ongoin	ng as at 31
To Business additional and line of seconds.	nber 2018
Amendment bundles on its Made 2018 and Validity (Min / MB / @ 15% VAT	
For Business price SMS)	
MTN Monthly Once-off (90 days) 50 GB R 1 999	
plans that was Effective/La 50GB Recurring (Two	
introduced in June unch Date: times carry over)	
2018. Only Made For 30 October	
Business Price Plans   2018	
customers are	

eligible for the ad hoc	MTN Mo	onthly	Once-off (90 days)	100 GB	R 3 499	
bundles.	100GB		Recurring (Two			
			times carry over)			
	MTN Mo	onthly	Once-off (90 days)	200 GB	R 6 299	
	200GB		Recurring (Two			
			times carry over)			
	MTN Mo	onthly	Once-off (90 days) Recurring (Two	300 GB	R 8 999	
			times carry over)			
	SMS 1000		Once-off (60 days) Recurring (Two	1 000 SMS	R 199	
			times carry over)			
	SMS 2 000		Once-off (60 days) Recurring (Two	2 000 SMS	R 395	
			times carry over)			
	SMS 3 000		Once-off (60 days) Recurring (Two	3 000 SMS	R 589	
			times carry over)			
	SMS 5 000		Once-off (60 days) Recurring (Two	5 000 SMS	R 979	
			times carry over)			
	SMS 10 000		Once-off (60 days) Recurring (Two	10 000 SMS	R 1 955	
			times carry over)			
	CUG 50		Once-off (30 days)	50 Minutes/ 50	R 29	
			Recurring (Two	SMS, 50 MMS		
			times carry over)			
	CUG 100		Once-off (30 days) Recurring (Two	100 Minutes / 100 SMS / 100 MMS	R 39	
			times carry over)	,		
	CUG 200		Once-off (30 days) Recurring (Two	200 Minutes / 200 SMS / 200 MMS	R 49	
			times carry over)	3113 / 200 PHPI3		

CUG 300	Once-off (30 days) Recurring (Two times carry over)	300 Minutes / 300 SMS / 300 MMS	R 59	
CUG 500	Once-off (30 days) Recurring (Two times carry over)	500 Minutes / 500 SMS / 500 MMS	R 89	
MTN to MTN 500 min	Once-off (30 days) Recurring (Two times carry over)	500 On-Net Minutes	R 199	
MTN to MTN 1 000 min	Once-off (30 days) Recurring (Two times carry over)	1 000 On-Net Minutes	R 299	
MTN to MTN 2 000 min	Once-off (30 days) Recurring (Two times carry over)	2 000 On-Net Minutes		
Airtime Bundle R 50	Once-off (360 days) Recurring (Two times carry over)	R 50	R 50	
Airtime Bundle R 100	Once-off (360 days) Recurring (Two times carry over)	R 100	R 100	
Airtime Bundle R 200	Once-off (360 days) Recurring (Two times carry over)	R 200	R 200	
Airtime Bundle R 500	Once-off (360 days) Recurring (Two times carry over)	R 500	R 500	
Airtime Bundle R 750	Once-off (360 days) Recurring (Two times carry over)	R 750	R 750	
Airtime Bundle R 1 000	Once-off (360 days) Recurring (Two times carry over)	R 1 000	R 1 000	
Airtime Bundle R 2 000	Once-off (360 days) Recurring (Two times carry over)	R2 000	R 2 000	

			Airtime Bundle R 5 000  Airtime Bundle R 10 000  Source: ICASA Datab  Additional information	n is available on the lid	·	R 5 000  R 10 000  Dillowing the link below:	
			Terms-and-Condition		zoana /020Condicions,	/Made-For-business-	
Vodacom	Vodacom Fibre	Filed:	The management and a		dia	+ 1000/	Oppoint to at 21
			•			t 100% subject to a	Ongoing as at 31
Fibre	Broadband	22 October	pro-rate cancellation	on clawback if the S	ervice is cancelled	before 24 months.	December 2018,
Broadband	Promotion was a	2018					however it is to be
Promotion	service available to		Table 66: Vodacom P				decommissioned on
on Vumatel	new and upward	Effective/	Price		•	(incl VAT)	31 July 2019.
	migrating FTTH	Launch		-	Mbps		
	customers. The	Date:	100			555	
	service is offered only	01	Unca		2Mbps	699	
	on the Vumatel	November	Unca			849	
	bitstream network	2018	5.1.50		.0Mpbs	<b>.</b>	
	including Vumatel		200	<u> </u>		799	
	Aerial fibre.	Extension	Unca	pped	R	899	
		Date: 22		50/5	5Mbps		
	Customers receive a	January	Unca			. 049	
	100% discount on	2019			0Mbps	000	
	once-off/non-		200			899	
			400	JGD	K	949	

	recurring charges if		Uncapped	R 1 099	
	they take a 24-month		100/10	Mbps	
	contract.		Uncapped	R 1 199	
			100/100		
			500GB	R 1 149	
			Uncapped	R 1 249	
			Source: ICASA Database		
			Additional information is available at the licen	, -	
			https://www.vodacom.co.za/vodacom/terms/	<u>rtibre/vodacom-tibre-vumatei</u>	
MTN Base 2	MTN Base 2 is the	Filed: 22	MTN Base 2 customers enjoy an All-Net	•	Ongoing as at 31
Price Plan	default landing price	October	Other MTN Base 2 plan rates are as follo		December 2018
(renamed to	plan for MTN	2018	<ul> <li>Out of bundle (OOB) SMS: R 0.5</li> </ul>	51	
MTN	PayAsYouGo	Effective/	<ul> <li>MTN to International SMS: R 1.</li> </ul>	61	
Connect)	(prepaid) customers.	Launch	<ul> <li>MMS OOB: R 0.91</li> </ul>		
	All customers who	Date: 01	<ul> <li>OOB Data bundle users (last 3 c</li> </ul>	consecutive months) 0 - 5MB: R 0.60	
	purchase a new	November	OOB Data bundle users (last 3 december 2)	consecutive months) >5MB: R 1.50.	
	starter pack and	2018			
	activate the SIM				
	card, changing from				
	MTN post-paid to				
	MTN prepaid and				
	·				
	those porting into				
	MTN prepaid from				
	other networks, will				
	automatically be				
	placed on the default				
	MTN Base 2 price				
	plan.				

Cell C	The plan is	Filed: 01	Table 67:	Gigamani	a Tariff Plan						Ongoing as at 31
Gigamania	segregated into two	November	_		clusive	Inclusive		/A4D	V. P. P.		December 2018
Data	groups, namely; the	2018	Fee	aa'	ta (GB)	Data (MB)	Cents	S/MB	Validity		
Bundles	low-end bundle		R 39	3.5		3584	1.09		Sunday 23:59:59		
	group and the high-	Amendment			,				Sunday		
	end bundle group.	Date: 22	R 49	5		5120	0.96		23:59:59 Sunday		
	The bundles will only	October	R 59	6.5	j	6656	0.89		23:59:59		
	be available to	2018	R 79	10		10240	0.77		Sunday 23:59:59		
	prepaid, post-paid		R 89	14		14336	0.62		Sunday 23:59:59		
	and hybrid								Sunday		
	customers on Fridays		R 99 Source: IC	18 CASA Data	nbase	18432	0.54		23:59:59		
	for an hour, from										
	21:00pm to										
	22:00pm. The										
	bundle will be valid										
	until Sunday,										
	23:59pm.										
Call C	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Filed: 01	Table 60:	Daily and	20 Day Em	ergency Data	Pundloc				Ongoing on at 21
Cell C	Cell C customers who		Table 08.	Dally allu		rgency Daily		odloc			Ongoing as at 31
Emergency	have run out of	November				rgency Danly	Data Bur		1.000		December 2018
Data	airtime or a data	2018		Prev	ious Offer			Curre	nt Offer	Total	
	bundle can use the		Data	Price	Access Fee	Total Payable	Data	Price	Access Fee	Payabl e	
		Effective/	20MB	R 4	R 1	R 5	25MB	R 4	R 1	R 5	
	service to obtain	Launch	50MB	R 9	R 1	R 10	65MB	R 9	R 1	R 10	
	Emergency Data.	Date:	100MB	R 14	R 1	R 15	120MB 500MB	R 14	R 1 R 1	R 15 R 18	
		Amendment					1024MB	R 20	R 1	R 21	
	The service is	Date: 01		Drev	Emer ious Offer	gency 30-Da	y Data Bu		nt Offer		
	The service is available to Cell C	November		Fiev				Curre		Total	
	available to Cell C	2018;	Data	Price	Access Fee	Total Payable	Data	Price	Access Fee	Payabl e	

		T = -	T		1		1			1	T
	Prepaid and Top Up	20	40MB	R 12	R 1	R 13	_	R 12	R 1	R 13	
	customers who have	November	65MB	R 20	R 1	R 21			I/A	D 20	
	recharged with at	2018	100MB	R 29	R 1 R 1	R 30 R 50	_	R 29	R 1 R 1	R 30 R 50	
	_	2010	300MB 750MB	R 49 R 100	R 1	R 101		R 49 R 80	R 1	R 81	
	least R 20 per month		, 501 15	1 100		11 101	+		11.2	1, 01	
	for the last two						1024M				
	months and who						B Nite Data				
	have been active on		Table 60:	Coll C Ema	organsy She	outOut Data	Dutu			<u> </u>	
	the Cell C network for		Table 09.	Cell C Ellie		Emergency	, ShoutΩut				
	two months or more.		Data		Price	Linergency	Access Fe	Δ	Total Pa	vahle	
	The service is		80MB		FIICE	R 4	Access I e	R 1	Total Fa	R 5	
			1200MB			R 17		R 1		R 18	
	available on the USSD		4096MB			R 49		R 1		R 50	
	code *147#.		Source: IC	ASA Datal	base	1( 15			ı	1(30	
	0000 117111		Additional	informatio	n is availab	le on the lice	ensee's webs	ite by fol	lowing the I	ink below:	
						et-emergenc		•	-		
			<u>eep 0.1, ,</u>		124/ 00110/ 91	<u> </u>	,	<u>upouu</u>			
Vodacom	The Broadband	Filed:	Table 70:	Vodacom I	Promotional	l Broadband			`	erim)	Ongoing as at 31
Broadband	Connect Wireless Lite	06		thly GB cation	Cont	ract Period		ly Subscri T Inclusiv		Promotion	December 2018,
Connect	(Fibre Interim)	November		OGB	Mont	:h-to-month	( ) ,	R 349	-	Free	however it was
Wireless Lite	promotion was only	2018	5	0GB	Mont	:h-to-month		R 649		Free	decommissioned on
	·	2010	10	00GB	Mont	h-to-month		R 899		Free	
(Fibre	applicable to the										the 31 <sup>st</sup> of January
Interim and	customers	Effective/	Table 71:	Vodacom I	Promotional	Connect Bro	oadband Wir	eless Lite	(Fibre Bac	kup)	2018
Backup)	subscribing for the	Launch	Contract	Period		lonthly		GB Month		Promotion	
Promotion	30GB, 50GB and	Date:				ription iclusive)		ubscriptio T Inclusiv			
	100GB on a month-	16	12		R	149		R 189	,	Free	
			36			129 99		R 159 R 139		Free Free	
	to-month contract	November						K 139		1166	
	period.	2018	Source: IC	ASA Datal	oase						

Cell C	During the promotional period, customers were offered free subscription for the first 3 months of the contract.  Cell C MediaPlay Data	Filed:	Table 72: Ce	ell C Med	iaPlay D	ouble Dati	a Promotic	onal Offers	S			Ongoing as at 31
MediaPlay Double Data Promotion	plan customers on a 24 months contract receive double data for their contract	13 November 2018	Name Subscripti	Medi a Play 500 MB R 149	Med ia Play 1GB	Media Play 1.5GB	Media Play 3GB	Media Play 6GB	Media Play 10GB	Media Play 15GB	Media Play 25GB	December 2018, to be decommissioned on 30 April 2019.
	length, while month-	Effoctive/	on		229					499	749	
	-	Effective/		<del></del>	T		lusive Va		T	T . = ==		
	to-month customers	Launch	Data	500M B	1GB	1.5GB	3GB	6GB	10GB	15GB	25GB	
	receive double data	Date:	Any-net	20	45	60	90	120	600	900	1200	
	for the first month	23	Minutes (min)									
	only.	November	SMS	90	120	210	240	300	3000	3000	3000	
	The promotional offer	2018	Content	FLEXI	FLEX	FLEXI	FLEXI	FLEXI	BINGE	BINGE	BINGE	
	is available to new	Amendment		Acces s	Acce	Premiu m	Premiu m	Premiu m	Premiu m	Premiu m	Premiu m	
		Date: 22		50014	SS	1 F.C.D.	200	COD	1000	1500	2500	
	3		Promotio nal Data	500M B	1GB	1.5GB	3GB	6GB	10GB	15GB	25GB	
	customers and	November	Daily FUP	2GB/	2GB/	2GB/	2GB/D	2GB/	4GB/	4GB/	4GB/	
	applies only for the	2018;		day	day	day	ау <b>ООВ</b>	day	day	day	day	
	duration of the	21 January	Voice	R	R	R 1.52	R 1.25	R 1.25	R 1.25	R 0.99	R 0.99	
	contract term,	2019; and		1.52	1.52							
	thereafter, the	04 March	SMS	R 0.51	R 0.51	R 0.51	R 0.51	R 0.51	R 0.51	R 0.51	R 0.51	
	promotional data falls	2019.	Data	R	R	R 0.99	R 0.79	R 0.79	R 0.79	R 0.69	R 0.69	
	away.		Source: ICA:	0.99 SA Datak	0.99							
	aa, i		Jource, ICA.	un Datat	use							

	There is free		Additional information is available on the licensee's website by following the link						
	streaming on black		below:						
	data across all the		https://www.ce	ellc.co.za/cellc/	<u>'mediaplay</u>				
	offers.								
Cell C	Cell C Connector	Filed:	Table 73: Cell	C Connector Pr	omotional Tari	ff Plans			Ongoing as at 31
Connector	Tariff Plans are	13		Connector 1	Connector 2	Connector 3	Connector 4	Connector	December 2018, to
Tariff Plans	available to new,	November	Subscripti	R 549	R 659	R 899	R 1 149	R 1 799	be decommissioned
	upgrading and	2018	on Fee				K 1 149	K 1 799	on 30 April 2019.
	migrating customers		Minutes		nclusive Valu	<b>e</b> 500	1000		r
		=66 /	(min)	200	1000				
	on month-to-month	Effective/	SMS	200	200	200	500	500	
	SIM-only deals. The	Launch	Data (MB)	5GB	7GB	13GB	20GB	60GB	
	payments for the	Date:	Content	BINGE Premium	BINGE Premium	BINGE Premium	BINGE Premium	BINGE Premium	
	Promotional	23			ut-of-Bundle		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1 Tellinain	
	C	November	Voice	R 0.55	R 0.55	R 0.55	R 0.55	R 0.55	
	Connector are made		SMS Data	R 0.20 R 0.50	R 0.20 R 0.50	R 0.20 R 0.50	R 0.20 R 0.50	R 0.20 R 0.50	
	in advance, i.e.	2018	Source: ICASA		K 0.50	K 0.50	K 0.50	K 0.50	
	before the allocation								
	of the package.	Amendment	Additional infor	mation is avail	able on the lic	ensee's websit	e by following	the link	
		Date:	below:						
	New activations are	22	https://www.co	ellc.co.za/cellc/	/simOnlv				
	charged a once-off	November	c.p.c.r, /	<u> </u>	<u> </u>				
		2018; 21							
	SIM and connection	•							
	fee of R 199.	January							
		2019; and							
		04 March							
		2019							
		04 March							

Cell C	Cell C had amended	Filed:	The plan is only available to Top-Up Sim Only deal customers, on a month to	Ongoing as at 31
Connector	its Promotional	22	month contract. New activations were charged a once-off SIM and connection	December 2018,
Tariff Plans	Connector Tariff	November	fee of R 199.	however it was
and Free WhatsApp VAS	Plans by adding a Free WhatsApp 1GB data bundle VAS on each of the packages offered in the tariff plan.	2018	Additional information is available on the licensee's website by following the link below: <a href="https://www.cellc.co.za/cellc/simOnly">https://www.cellc.co.za/cellc/simOnly</a>	decommissioned on 06 January 2019.
Cell C	Pinnacle Top-Up	Filed:	Additional information is available on the licensee's website by following the link	Ongoing as at 31
Pinnacle	promotion was	30	below:	December 2018
Top-up	available to all new	November	https://www.cellc.co.za/cellc/newsroom-detail/Connect-with-more-data-on-Cell-C-	However, it was
Promotion	and existing	2018	new-Pinnacle-and-Pinnacle-Premium-contracts	decommissioned on
	customers only on an	Effective/	new rimacie and rimacie remain contracts	06 January 2019.
	upfront payment on	Launch		
	24-month SIM only	Date:		
	contracts.	12		
		December		
		2018		
Vodacom	Vodacom eSIM is an	Filed:	Table 74: Vodacom eSIM Applicable Tariffs	Ongoing as at 31
eSIM	embedded SIM card	05	Monthly Subscription Connection Fee SIM Card Fee	December 2018
	that resides on a	December	R 25 R 98 R 106	
	devices electronic	2018	Source: ICASA Database	
	circuit board that			
	enables customers to			
	connect their device			
	(currently Samsung			
	Gear watch series			

	only) to a mobile network.							
Cell C	The Cell C Sakeng	Filed: 05	Table 75: Tariff Rates for Cel	I C Sakeng Tarif	f Plans			Ongoing as at 31
Sakeng Prepaid	Prepaid Tariff Plan is available to all	December 2018	Service	Time of day	Unit		lans Prices clusive)	December 2018
Tariff Plans	Sakeng customers. A			Sakeng Cor	nmunity			
Tarm Tians	newly activated SIM		Billing Increments	Anytime	per second			
	is assigned to the	Launch		Voice C	`alle			
	Sakeng Community		On-Net	Anytime	Rand/Min	R (	 0.95	
	Tariff Plan.	December	Off-Net	Anytime	Rand/Min		0.95	
		2018		Data				
	Sakeng Bundle		OOB (Pay Per Use)	Anytime	Rand/MB	R (	0.45	
	Packages should			Messag	ging			
	allow subscribers to		SMS	Anytime	Rand/SMS	R (	0.30	
	purchase one or		MMS	Anytime	Rand/MMS	R (	0.80	
	more Prepaid Data,		International SMS	Anytime	Rand/SMS	R :	1.50	
	SMS or Voice			Sakeng Comm	nunity Plus			
	packages.		Billing Increments	Anytime	per second			
				Voice C	Calls		•	
			On-Net	Anytime	Rand/Min	R (	0.90	
			Off-Net	Anytime	Rand/Min	R (	0.90	
				Data	a	T		
			OOB (Pay Per Use)	Anytime	Rand/MB	R (	0.40	
				Messag	jing			
			SMS	Anytime	Rand/SMS	R (	0.27	
			MMS	Anytime	Rand/MMS	R (	0.75	
			International SMS	Anytime	Rand/SMS	R :	1.45	
				Sakeng Reta				
			Billing Increments	Anytime	per second			

alle	Voice Calls									
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Rand/Min	R 0.85									
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Rand/MB	R 0.35									
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Rand/SMS	R 0.25									
Rand/MMS	R 0.70									
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Rand/Min	R 0.80									
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Rand/MB	R 0.30									
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Rand/SMS	R 0.22									
Rand/MMS	R 0.70									
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Source: ICASA Database

Table 76: Cell C Sakeng Tariff Plan Bundle Offers

Data Bundles									
Packages	<b>Inclusive Data</b>	Price	Validity						
Sakeng 25MB data	25MB	R 9	90 Days						
Sakeng 50MB data	50MB	R 17	90 Days						
Sakeng 100MB data	100MB	R 28	90 Days						
Sakeng 250MB data	250MB	R 60	90 Days						
Sakeng 500MB data	500MB	R 95	90 Days						
Sakeng 1GB data	1024MB	R 140	90 Days						
Sakeng 2GB data	2048MB	R 225	90 Days						
Sakeng 3GB data	3072MB	R 290	90 Days						
	SMS Bundles								

			Packages		Inclusive SMS	S Price	Validity	
			Sakeng 25 SMS		25	R 6.25	90 Days	
			Sakeng 50 SMS		50	R 11	90 Days	
			Sakeng 250 SMS		250	R 50	90 Days	
				Voice	Bundles			
			Packages		Inclusive Voice (Minutes)	ce Price	Validity	
			Sakeng 15 minutes voice	e	15	R 12.75	30 Days	
			Sakeng 30 minutes voice	e	30	R 24	30 Days	
			Sakeng 45 minutes voice		45	R 35	30 Days	
			Sakeng 60 minutes voice	9	60	R 45	30 Days	
ACTAL			Source: ICASA Database		D # 055			
MTN	MTN amended its	Filed:	Table 77: Example of MTN					Ongoing as at 31
Prepaid MyVoice	prepaid MyVoice bundle offers,	05 December	PAYG MyVoice Offer Voice Bundle Name	Bundle price (Incl.VAT @ 15%)	Inclusive on-net minutes	Billing Method	Validity	December 2018
Bundle	introducing	2018	Weekly-35-on-net					
Offers	additional weekly and		minutes	R 6	35	60:60	Weekly	
	monthly on-net and	Effective/	Weekly-50-on-net minutes	R 8.50	50	60:60	Weekly	
	all-net prepaid voice	Launch 15	Weekly-270-on-net minutes	R 32	270	60:60	Weekly	
	bundles. The prepaid		Weekly-340-on-net minutes	R 36	340	60:60	Weekly	
	MyVoice bundles are	2018	Weekly-200-on-net minutes	R 18	200	60:60	Weekly	
	however not available to all		Monthly 80 On-Net Minutes	R 11	80	60:60	Monthly	
	customers and are		Monthly 120 On-Net Minutes	R 17	120	60:60	Monthly	
	tailor-made offers;		Monthly 170 On-Net Minutes	R 19	170	60:60	Monthly	
	based on the		Monthly 190 On-Net Minutes	R 21	190	60:60	Monthly	
	individual customer's		Monthly 3000 On-Net Minutes	R 166	3000	60:60	Monthly	
	usage profile. Thee prepaid MyVoice		Monthly 4300 On-Net Minutes	R 327	4300	60:60	Monthly	
	, , , , , ,		All-Networks Offers					

	hundles are housesses		Weekly 7 All-Net	_ 1		1		<u> </u>	1 1
	bundles are however		Minutes	L	R 3.50	7	60:60	Weekly	
	not available to all		Weekly 12 All-Ne	et	R 6	12	60:60	Weekly	
	customers and are tailor-made offers;		Weekly 181 All-N	Vet	R 65	181	60:60	Weekly	
	based on the		Weekly 223 All-N	Vet	R 75	223	60:60	Weekly	
	individual customer's		Weekly 694 All-N	Vet	R 190	694	60:60	Weekly	
	usage profile.		Weekly 987 All-N	Vet	R 270	987	60:60	Weekly	
			Monthly 5 All-Ne Minutes	et	R 2	5	60:60	Monthly	
			Monthly 17 All-N Minutes	let	R 7	17	60:60	Monthly	
			Monthly 1000 All	l-Net	R 240	1000	60:60	Monthly	
			Monthly 1458 All	l-Net	R 350	1458	60:60	Monthly	
			Monthly 2083 All Minutes	l-Net	R 500	2083	60:60	Monthly	
			Source: ICASA Da	atabase					
Vodacom	The promotional	Filed:	Table 78: Vodacoi	m Promot	tional Smart Bu	siness Bundles			Ongoing as at 31
Smart	offered contained	06	Product	Descrip	ption			<b>Bundle Price</b>	December 2018.
Business	Broadband Connect	December	Name					Point	However,
Bundles	Wireless Lite 50GB	2018	Apple Smart			Wireless Lite 5		R 2 399	decommissioned on
	service, with a Red		Business Bundle S		XR 64GB + iPa 500MB x 24mo	d 2018 Wi-Fi Cel	ll 128GB		the 06 <sup>th</sup> of February
	Professional+ tariff	Effective/	Bullule 3	T ITEE	300MD X 24M0	iiuis			2019
	including a mobile	Launch							
	phone and a tablet,	Date:							<u>∥</u>
	as well as an		Apple Smart Business			Wireless Lite 5 Pad Pro 10.5 W			
	additional 500MB	December	Bundle M		Free 500MB x			R 2 399	
	data on a secondary	2018							
				<u>l</u>					<u> </u>

	data SIM, all on a 24- month contract.		Huawei Smart Business Bundle		nect Wireless Lite 50GB + + Huawei T3 7" + Free 500MB	R 2 099	
			Samsung Smart Business Bundle	Samsung Galaxy	nect Wireless Lite 50GB + Note9 + Samsung Galaxy Tab 00MB x 24months	R 2 099	
Vodacom	This is a "get airtime	Filed:	Table 79: Vodaco		ta Advance Tariffs		Ongoing as at 31
Airtime	now, pay later"	13			Airtime Advance		December 2018
Advance	service is available to	December	Volume R 5	Price R 5	Validity Period		
Amendment	Vodacom Prepaid	2018	R 10	R 10			
	customers who have		R 20	R 20			
	been active for a				Data Advance		
	period of 6 months or		10MB	R 3	until 23h59 pm on the day of a	llocation	
	longer and must have		25MB	R 6	until 23h59 pm on the day of a	llocation	
	a minimum		70MB	R 11	until 23h59 pm on the day of a	llocation	
	cumulative recharge		125MB Source: ICASA Da	R 18	until 23h59 pm on the day of a	llocation	
	of R29 per month for		Source: ICASA Da	itabase			
	at least 3 months in a		Additional informa	ation is available a	at the licensee's website by follow	wina the links	
			below:	and is available t	te the heerisee's website by follow	and mino	
	row.			acom.co.za/vodac	om/services/airtime-advance		
			https://www.voda	acom.co.za/vodac	om/terms/airtime-advance-term	s-and-conditions	

Annexure B: Promotions that Ended During the Period Under Review

TARIFF PLAN	EXPLANATION OF THE TARIFF PLAN	RELEVANT DATES
Vodacom Extension of Business Connect	Vodacom's Business Connect tariffs were launched on 16 February	Filed: 03 May 2018
Promotion	2018.	
		Effective/ Launch Date:
	Vodacom amended the tariff plan by introducing a promotional offer	14 May 2018
	for the product in a form of reduced price offers. This promotion was	
	from 14 May 2018 to 14 August 2018 and was extended to the 15 <sup>th</sup>	Extension Date:
	of November 2018.	15 August 2018
		Decommission Date:
		15 November 2018
Vodacom Double Data Promotion	Vodacom Double Data Promotion enabled the customers to double	Filed: 17 June 2017
	their data upon purchasing selected once-off data bundles on the My	
	Vodacom App.	Extension Date(s): 22 June 2018;
		20 September 2018
		Decommission Date:
		13 December 2018
MyMTN App Promotional Offer	Customers who downloaded the App during the period of 10 August	Filed: 31 July 2018
	to 31 December 2018 received a free 1GB daily data bundle. The	Effective/ Launch Date:
	objective of the promotion was to encourage customers to download	10 August 2018
	and utilise the MyMTN App.	
		Decommission Date: 31 December
		2018

Vodacom Promotional Data Bundles	Vodacom offered customers Promotional Data Bundles with a discount	Filed: 10 August 2018
	up to 30% of their original price. The data bundles were available to	
	prepaid, post-paid and hybrid customers.	Effective/ Launch Date:
	prepara, post-para and hybrid customers.	•
		22 August 2018
	Customers were presented with personalized set of data offers on	
	USSD *135#.	Decommission Date: 22 November
		2018
Vodacom Fibre Broadband Self-Built	The Vodacom Fibre Broadband Self-Built Central Developments	Filed: 11 September 2018
Central Developments Property Group	Property Group (CDP) Promotion was a fibre broadband service	
(CDP) Promotion	available to new eligible customers residing at CDP precincts, who	Effective/ Launch Date:
	signed up for the 12 months Vodacom Fibre Broadband contract	21 September 2018
	offered on the Vodacom Self-Built Fibre network, during the	
	promotional period. The promotional offer gave new eligible	Decommission Date: 30 November
	customers free 1 month subscriptions on twelve 12 months contract.	2018
Vodacom Fibre Broadband Self-Built Edge 1	The Vodacom Fibre Broadband Self-Built Edge 1-3 Promotion was a	Filed: 11 September 2018
- 3 Promotion	fibre broadband service available to new eligible customers who sign	
	up for the 12 months or 24 months Vodacom Fibre Broadband	Effective/ Launch Date:
	contract offered on the Vodacom Self-Built Fibre network, during the	27 September 2018
	promotional period. Eligible customers were given free monthly	
	subscriptions, dependant on the package they had signed up for.	Decommission Date: 19 December
		2018
Vodacom Fibre Broadband Self-Built	The Vodacom Fibre Broadband Self-Built CDP Promotion was a fibre	Filed: 17 September 2018
Central Developments Property Group	broadband service available to new eligible customers residing at CDP	
Promotion (24 Months Contract)	precincts, who signed up for the 24 months Vodacom Fibre Broadband	Effective/ Launch Date:
	contract offered on the Vodacom FTTH Self-Built Fibre network, during	28 September 2018
	the promotional period. Eligible customers were given 1 free month	
	subscription for the 24-month contract.	Decommission Date: 30 November
		2018

Vodacom Summer Gigs Black Friday	The promotion was available to new and existing prepaid, top-up and	Filed: 13 November 2018
Promotion	post-paid customers. Customers opted into the Summer Gigs Black	
	Friday promotion via the My Vodacom App or by dialling (*133#)	Effective/ Launch Date: 23
	USSD code. Customers were awarded 100% back in bonus data on	November 2018
	24 November 2018, provided they had used a minimum of 10MB of	
	chargeable data on the previous day by 23h59.	Decommissioned on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> of
		November 2018
MTN Black Friday/Cyber Monday Post Paid	MTN launches promotional offers for MTN Choice Data Plan and MTN	Filed: 14 November 2018
Offers	Made for Me as part of the Black Friday Specials. In both plans (i.e.	Effective/ Launch Date:
	MTN Choice Data Plan and MTN Made for Me), the promotional offers	23 November 2018
	were only available to qualifying post-paid customers and all new	Decommission Date: 26 November
	customers and upgrading customers are eligible for the promotion.	2018
MTN Black Friday Prepaid Offers	As part of the MyMTN Offers, MTN launched Black Friday Prepaid	Filed: 14 November 2018
	Offers, which were customer-tailored promotional offers; based on	Effective/ Launch Date:
	the individual customer usage profile. The price of the proposed data	23 November 2018
	bundle ranged from R 25 to R 65.	Decommission Date: 26 November
		2018
MTN Black Friday Made for Business Offer	MTN Black Friday Made for Business Offer was a promotional offer on	Filed:
	a 12-month sim-only deal. If a deal included one of the selected	14 November 2018
	devices, the promotional value was extended to the first 24 months	
	of the contract.	Effective/
	Only corporate customers who signed up for MTN Made for Business	Launch Date:
	during Black Friday shopping weekend enjoyed the promotional offer.	23 November 2018
	The offer had standard inclusive voice, data and SMS values and the	Decommission Date:
	additional Black Friday promotional values.	26 November 2018