

**RTÉ Transmission Network DAC
(T/A 2rn)**

**Regulated Accounts
Market A**

**for the year ended
31 December 2023**

**RTÉ TRANSMISSION NETWORK DAC (TRADING AS 2RN)
REGULATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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RTÉ TRANSMISSION NETWORK DAC (TRADING AS 2RN)

INTRODUCTION

The European Communities (Electronic Communications Networks and Services) (Framework) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 333 of 2011), which revoked and replaced its predecessor 2003 (S.I. No. 307 of 2003), the European Communities (Electronic Communications Networks and Services) (Access) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 334 of 2011, which revoked and replaced its predecessor S.I. No. 305 of 2003) (respectively "the Framework Regulations" and "the Access Regulations") establish the framework for the regulation of the provision of electronic communications networks and services in Ireland. Under this framework, the Commission for Communications Regulations (ComReg) may designate operators as having Significant Market Power (SMP) in respect of specific markets, in which case ComReg may impose on such operators a range of ex ante obligations including, pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Access Regulations and Regulation 13 of the Access Regulations, a requirement for accounting separation and cost accounting respectively. RTÉ Transmission Network DAC ("RTÉNL", or "the Company") trading as 2rn has been designated with SMP in the market for wholesale access to national terrestrial broadcast transmission services and accordingly is subject to obligations of accounting separation and cost accounting in this market. This market is referred to and defined as Market A in ComReg Decision No.02/21¹.

Decision No.02/21 and the Decision Instrument Market A which has been provided to 2rn, sets out the relevant detail and manner in which 2rn is required to meet these obligations. Sections 11 and 12 of the Decision Instrument Market A refer to these obligations and they are each further detailed at Annex 1 to the Decision Instrument Market A in an annex titled "Detail of the Accounting Separation Obligations- Market A" ("referred to as Annex 1").

Section 2 of Annex 1 Market A requires 2rn's financial records and accounting systems to be sufficiently detailed and supported by sufficient data to ensure that (i) 2rn is in a position to comply with the transparency, non-discrimination, accounting separation, price control and cost accounting obligations imposed on it and (ii) 2rn is in a position to prepare Regulated Accounts which it is obliged to maintain for Market A and, where specified for Services.

As specified at Section 3 of Annex 1 Market A, Separated Accounts are required to be maintained by 2rn in respect of Market A. This requires that Separated Accounts by 2rn contain Regulated Accounts which consists of Historical Cost Accounts ("HCA"), Additional Financial Data and Accounting Documentation. The term "Accounting Documentation" is further defined and detailed at Section 5 of Annex 1 Market A and consists of two principal documents, Primary Accounting Documentation and Secondary Accounting Documentation. This document sets out the Regulated Accounts for Market A and should be read in conjunction with the Primary Accounting Documentation which is under separate cover.

Regulated Accounts are required to be prepared for the following market:

Market	Market description
Market A	Market for Wholesale supply of Transmission and Distribution Services

¹ Comreg document No.21/14 entitled "Market Review Broadcasting Transmission Services in Ireland" dated 26 February 2021.

Market A is the wholesale market where 2rn as the upstream transmission network provider supplies a transmission and distribution service via its towers and masts infrastructure and relevant associated facilities (including transmission and distribution equipment, buildings etc., in order to enable (i) the broadcast of national analogue terrestrial radio signals to end users and (ii) the broadcast by a Multiplex Operator of its digital multiplexing service.

The Regulated Accounts are prepared in accordance with the Primary Accounting Documentation. The Primary Accounting Documentation set out the framework under which the Regulated Accounts have been prepared, which is set out in the Decision Notice, insofar as they apply to the year ended 31 December 2023.

RTÉ TRANSMISSION NETWORK DAC (TRADING AS 2RN)

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARING THE REGULATED ACCOUNTS MARKET A

The European Communities (Electronic Communications Networks and Services) (Framework) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 333 of 2011) and the European Communities (Electronic Communications Networks and Services) (Access) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 334 of 2011) and the European Communities (Electronic Communications Networks and Services) (respectively "the Framework Regulations", and "the Access Regulations") establish the framework for the regulation of the electronic communications networks and services in Ireland.

Under this framework, the Commission for Communications Regulations ("ComReg") may designate operators as having Significant Market Power ("SMP") in respect of specific markets, in which case ComReg may impose on such operators a range of obligations including, pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Access Regulations a requirement for accounting separation and pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Access Regulations cost accounting. RTÉ Transmission Network DAC ("RTÉNL") has been designated with SMP in the market for wholesale access to national terrestrial broadcast transmission services and is subject to the obligations of accounting separation and cost accounting. ComReg Decision No.02/21 of 26 February 2021 specifies the manner in which RTÉNL must meet its obligations of accounting separation and cost accounting in particular as is set out in Annex 1 to the Decision Instrument entitled Detail of the Accounting Separation Obligations Market A.

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that the Company maintains accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Company, and for properly preparing the Regulated Accounts, which are required to present fairly, in accordance with the Primary Accounting Documentation and the Decision Instrument No.02/21 the results and Mean Capital Employed for Market A.

The Regulated Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 were prepared further to, and in accordance with Decision No.02/21.

RTÉNL confirms that, to the best of its knowledge and in good faith, the Regulated Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the governing legislation. It also confirms that, to the best of its knowledge and in good faith the Regulated Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Documentation for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Signed:



Mike Byrne
Director:



Mick Kehoe
Director:

Date: 24th June 2024

Independent auditors' report to RTÉ Transmission Network DAC (T/A 2rn) and the Commission for Communications Regulation

Opinion

We have audited the Regulated Accounts – Market A of RTÉ Transmission Network DAC (T/A 2rn) (“the Company”), which comprise the Income Statement for the year, Statement of Mean Capital Employed, Income Statement Reconciliation and Statement of Mean Capital Employed Reconciliation and the related notes 1-2 to the Regulated Accounts – Market A. The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the Regulated Accounts – Market A is the Regulatory Accounting Principles and Accounting Policies as set out in the Primary Accounting Documentation, as required by the Final Decision Instrument (ComReg Decision D02/21) (“the Decision Instrument”) issued on 26 February 2021 (“the financial reporting framework”) by the Commission for Communications Regulation (“ComReg”) and note 2 to the Regulated Accounts – Market A.

In our opinion, the accompanying Regulated Accounts - Market A present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities and mean capital employed of Market A as at 31 December 2023 and the revenue and costs of Market A for the year then ended in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) including ISA (Ireland) 800. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Regulated Accounts – Market A* section of our report.

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Regulated Accounts – Market A in Ireland, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw your attention to the accounting policies contained in note 2 of the Regulated Accounts - Market A, which describe the basis of accounting. The Regulated Accounts - Market A are prepared to assist the Company to comply with their regulatory reporting requirements to ComReg. As a result, the Regulated Accounts - Market A may not be suitable for another purpose.

The nature, form and content of the Regulated Accounts - Market A and therefore their basis for preparation, is set out by ComReg to assist the Company in meeting its regulatory requirements. We make no assessment as to whether the basis of preparation, as set out on page 11 is appropriate or sufficient for the Company's purposes.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Matter

The Company has prepared a separate set of statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union, on which we issued a separate auditor's report to the members of the Company dated 25 June 2024.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Introduction and Business Review. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the Regulated Accounts – Market A. Our opinion on the Regulated Accounts – Market A does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Regulated Accounts – Market A or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the Regulated Accounts – Market A or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Directors' Responsibility for the Regulated Accounts – Market A

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibility for preparing the Regulatory Accounts – Market A, the directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Regulated Accounts - Market A in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Decision Instrument issued on 26 February 2021 and the Primary Accounting Documentation, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of Regulated Accounts – Market A that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The directors are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Regulated Accounts – Market A

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Regulated Accounts – Market A as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on IAASA's website at:

<https://iaasa.ie/publications/description-of-the-auditors-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-financial-statements>.

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our Report

This report is made, on terms that have been agreed, solely to the Company and ComReg in order to meet the requirements of the Decision Instrument. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company and ComReg those matters that we have agreed to state to them in our report, in order (a) to assist the Company to meet its obligation under the Decision Instrument to procure such a report and (b) to facilitate the carrying out by ComReg of its regulatory functions, and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company's directors as a body and ComReg, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Independent auditors' report to RTÉ Transmission Network DAC (T/A 2rn) and the Commission for Communications Regulation (continued)

Use of our Report (cont/d....)

Our opinion on the Regulated Accounts – Market A is separate from our opinion on the statutory financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023 on which we reported on 25 June 2024, which are prepared for a different purpose. Our audit report in relation to the statutory financial statements of the Company (our “Statutory audit”) was made solely to the Company’s members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our Statutory audit work was undertaken so that we might state to the Company’s members those matters we are required to state to them in a statutory audit report and for no other purpose. In these circumstances, to the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom our Statutory audit report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.



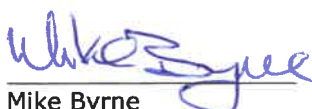
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28 June 2024

RTÉ TRANSMISSION NETWORK DAC (TRADING AS 2RN)**INCOME STATEMENT
MARKET A REGULATED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	€'000	€'000
Revenue		
Intra market revenue	9,700	9,176
External revenue	904	662
Internal revenue	5,163	4,889
Total Revenue	15,767	14,727
Operating Costs		
Employee and personnel related costs	(3,725)	(3,627)
Network electricity	(2,719)	(2,196)
Maintenance costs	(1,089)	(972)
Other operating costs	(1,061)	(1,087)
Central shared services costs	(262)	(471)
Rent and rates	(1,010)	(976)
Depreciation	(3,662)	(3,996)
Total Operating Costs	(13,528)	(13,325)
Return	2,239	1,402
Mean Capital Employed	34,535	35,618
Return on Mean Capital Employed (%)	6.48%	3.94%

The Market A Regulated Accounts were approved on 24th June 2024 by the Board of the Company and signed on its behalf by:



Mike Byrne
Director



Mick Kehoe
Director

RTÉ TRANSMISSION NETWORK DAC (TRADING AS 2RN)**STATEMENT OF MEAN CAPITAL EMPLOYED
MARKET A REGULATED ACCOUNTS
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023 €'000	2022 €'000
Non Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	34,712	35,170
Intangible assets	68	88
Total Non Current Assets	34,780	35,258
Current Assets		
Trade, other receivables, prepayments and accrued income	800	594
Cash and cash equivalents	2,911	3,190
Total Current Assets	3,711	3,784
Total Assets	38,491	39,042
Current Liabilities		
Liabilities and other payments	(3,956)	(3,424)
Total Current Liabilities	(3,956)	(3,424)
Mean Capital Employed	34,535	35,618

The Market A Regulated Accounts were approved on 24th June 2024 by the Board of the Company and signed on its behalf by:


Mike Byrne
Director


Mick Kehoe
Director

RTÉ TRANSMISSION NETWORK DAC (TRADING AS 2RN)**INCOME STATEMENT RECONCILIATION
MARKET A REGULATED ACCOUNTS
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023 €'000	2022 €'000
Return per Income Statement	2,239	1,402
Depreciation reconciling adjustments:		
Reversal of Statutory depreciation related to fair value uplifts in Statutory Financial Statements	(533)	(541)
Impact of changes to asset lives between regulatory and Statutory Financial Statement	(627)	(463)
	(1,160)	(1,004)
Specific income/(expenditure) excluded for regulatory purposes:		
Net interest expense per Statutory Financial Statements	(2,428)	(915)
Operating income/ (expenditure)	8,140	7,391
Depreciation	(395)	(430)
Return Market B regulated accounts	-	-
	5,317	6,046
Profit before taxation per Statutory Financial Statements	6,396	6,444
Tax credit per Statutory Financial Statements	199	140
Profit on Ordinary activities after taxation per Statutory Financial Statements 2rn	6,595	6,584

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**STATEMENT OF MEAN CAPITAL EMPLOYED RECONCILIATION
MARKET A REGULATED ACCOUNTS
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	€'000	€'000
Mean Capital Employed for the year	34,535	35,618
Adjustments for regulatory purposes:		
Net of residual revaluation surplus eliminated for regulatory purposes	1,734	2,040
Tangible asset value adjustments for regulatory purposes	(54)	573
Amount in Statutory Financial Statements not relevant to regulated Market A	3,783	4,099
Cash and cash equivalents	5,918	6,863
Mean Capital Employed for the year, Market B (including values in RTÉ Records)	442	465
	11,823	14,040
Adjustments required to reflect mean values in RTÉ records relevant to Market B:		
Trade debtors	(1,050)	(1,765)
Deferred Income	520	1,163
VAT creditor	100	183
	(430)	(419)
Mean Assets/Liabilities excluded for Regulatory purposes:		
Net Intercompany receivables	90,153	89,715
Corporation and Deferred tax	(2,063)	(2,513)
Derivative financial instruments	-	-
Employee benefits	(111)	(131)
Borrowing and other debt	(53,750)	(55,000)
Capital Grants	(4,034)	(4,276)
	30,195	27,795
Total Mean Capital Employed per Statutory Financial Statements 2rn¹	76,123	77,034

¹Mean Capital Employed is the simple average per statutory financial statements at 31 December 2022 and 2023

1. DEFINITIONS OF THE MARKETS

The definition of Market A is based on the regulatory decision as set out by ComReg Decision No.02/21, Market Review Broadcasting Transmission Services in Ireland.

Market A is the Wholesale market for the supply of transmission and distribution services via towers / masts infrastructure and relevant associated facilities (including transmission and distribution equipment, buildings etc.) in order to enable:

- The broadcast of national analogue terrestrial radio signals to end users
- The broadcast by a Multiplex Operator of its digital terrestrial broadcasting signals to end users.

In accordance with the above Decision Notice, Regulated Accounts are prepared for Market A.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF REGULATED ACCOUNTS

The structure of the Regulated Accounts required pursuant to Decision No.02/21 and the relevant Decision Instruments (i.e. Market A) does not correspond to the way in which the Company is organised and operates and hence does not correspond to the way the statutory accounting records are structured and prepared. The Regulated Accounts are therefore produced by overlaying the requirements of the Decision Notices on the statutory accounting record structure of 2rn.

These Regulated Accounts are prepared by attributing the balances, as modified in accordance with the Primary Accounting Documentation, in 2rn's general ledgers and other accounting records to the relevant Markets as required by the Decision Instruments.

The purpose of Accounting Separation is to provide an analysis of information derived from 2rn's financial records to reflect as closely as possible the performance of Market A as if it was operating as a separate business.

The Regulated Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies as set out in the Statutory Financial Statements of 2rn ("the Statutory Financial Statements"), unless any specific deviation is required as a result of conforming to this documentation, together with the regulatory accounting principles and attribution methods as set out in the Primary Accounting Documentation dated 24th June 2024

The Statutory Financial Statements of 2rn have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and their interpretations approved by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) as adopted by the European Union (EU) that are effective for the year ended 31 December 2023.

RTÉ TRANSMISSION NETWORK DAC (TRADING AS 2RN)

APPENDIX I FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Business Review

Market A, *Wholesale supply of Transmission and Distribution Services*, came into scope for regulation following ComReg Decision No.02/21 dated 26 February 2021.

Results for the year to 31 December 2023 show a return of €2,239,000 for the year, or a 6.48% return on mean capital employed for Market A. This is slightly above the WACC rate set by ComReg of 5.77% for the year, and reflects the gradual recovery of increased operating costs as a result of the global energy crisis and rising inflation.

The return continues to trend towards the proposed return on a cumulative basis as anticipated.

Year ended 31st December	Return	Mean Capital Employed	Return on Mean Capital Employed
	€'000	€'000	
2013	2,146	52,948	4.05%
2014	3,419	49,938	6.85%
2015	3,329	48,419	6.88%
2016	4,236	46,745	9.06%
2017	3,613	44,148	8.18%
2018	3,641	42,442	8.58%
2019	3,724	40,403	9.22%
2020	3,120	38,321	8.14%
2021	2,726	37,194	7.33%
2022	1,402	35,618	3.94%
2023	2,239	34,535	6.48%

