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CAT REFERS WHOLESAL BROADBAND ACCESS PRICE CONTROL MATTERS TO CC

The Competition Appeal Tribunal (CAT) has referred to the Competition Commission (CC) price control matters in an appeal brought against Ofcom by British Telecom (BT) against the Wholesale Broadband Access Charge Control. The reference is about the prices that BT is allowed to charge for the supply of certain wholesale services to other Communications Providers to enable them to provide retail broadband connection products to business and residential customers.

[The charges, which Ofcom announced in July 2011](#), came into effect in mid August 2011 and apply until 31 March 2014.

For more details of the appeal, please visit the [CAT's website](#).

Under the 2003 Communications Act, if decisions by Ofcom are appealed to the CAT and include a price control matter, then this matter must be referred to the CC for determination. The CC has until 11 June 2012 to determine the pricing issues.

Notes to editors

1. The CC is an independent public body, which carries out investigations into mergers, markets and the regulated industries.
2. The CAT hears appeals against decisions made by the Office of Fair Trading, the CC and sectoral regulators such as Ofcom.
3. Enquiries should be directed to Siobhan Allen on 020 7271 0242 (email press@cc.gsi.gov.uk).