



IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case: 1100/3/3/08

BETWEEN:

(1) THE NUMBER (UK) LIMITED
(2) CONDUIT ENTERPRISES LIMITED

Appellant

-v-

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Respondent

ORDER

UPON reading the Final Determinations regarding the resolution of price disputes concerning supply of certain directory information by British Telecommunications plc to The Number (UK) Ltd and Conduit Enterprises Ltd published on 10 March 2008 by the Office of Communications (“OFCOM”)

AND UPON reading the notice of appeal lodged by The Number (UK) Limited (“The Number”) and Conduit Enterprises Limited (“Conduit Enterprises”) on 7 May 2008

AND UPON reading the request for permission to intervene from British Telecommunications plc (“BT”) dated 6 June 2008

AND UPON reading the observations from the parties in relation to the procedural timetable for the proceedings

AND UPON the Tribunal Registry writing to the parties on 10 July 2008 in relation to the procedural timetable for the proceedings

AND UPON the parties agreeing that that directions for the hearing in these proceedings could be arranged in writing

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Pursuant to rule 18 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2003, S.I. 2003 No. 1372 (“the Tribunal Rules”), the proceedings be treated as proceedings in England and Wales.
2. BT be granted permission to intervene in the proceedings and: (i) The Number and Conduit Enterprises serve a non-confidential version of the notice of appeal on BT forthwith; and (ii) OFCOM serve a non-confidential version of the defence on BT forthwith.
3. The pending appeals before the Tribunal in Case No 1063/3/3/06 *British Telecommunications plc (The Number (UK) Limited) v Ofcom* and Case No 1064/3/3/06 *British Telecommunications plc (Conduit Enterprises Limited) v Ofcom* be listed for directions at the same time as the main hearing.
4. In relation to the proceedings before the Tribunal:
 - a. BT file and serve its statement of intervention by 5pm on 22 August 2008;
 - b. The Number and Conduit Enterprises file and serve a skeleton argument for the hearing by 5pm on 24 September 2008;
 - c. OFCOM file and serve a skeleton argument for the hearing by 5pm on 1 October 2008;
 - d. BT file and serve a skeleton argument for the hearing by 5pm on 8 October 2008;
 - e. The parties prepare an agreed bundle of documents to serve as the core bundle for the hearing, an agreed joint bundle of authorities to be referred to at the hearing with key sections flagged for reference and so far as practicable an agreed running order for the hearing;
 - f. The parties file six copies of each of the said bundles by 5pm on 15 October 2008;
 - g. A hearing be listed for 22 October 2008 with a time estimate of two days with a day in reserve.
5. Costs be reserved.
6. There be liberty to apply.