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From the Convergence of Technologies to the Convergence of Regulations: Reviews of NCC Policies

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Abstract

In the past, DGT (the Directorate General of Telecommunications) and GIO (Government Information Office), the two regulatory agencies, had governed telecommunications and mass electronic media policies in Taiwan respectively. However, with the development of IP technology and the convergence of communications services from time to time, there is a strong need from relevant industries to establish a new regulatory agency to cope with all the disputing issues in telecommunications and mass electronic media fields, in order to reduce the inconsistencies of regulation philosophy between DGT and GIO.

In this case, the new national regulatory agency, National Communications Commission (NCC) had been established in February 22, 2007. Not surprisingly, the Commission has to deal with many complicated and disputing issues of communications field from the very beginning, likes announcing the copper pair lines of last mile being bottleneck facility, or transforming the MOD service provided by CHT originally defined as a cable TV service to one kind of telecommunications service. In these policy-making processes, NCC not only utilizes the relevant laws and regulations at present, it also integrates the idea of future digital convergence trends in to these policies. Nevertheless, due to lack of professional financial knowledge in NCC, it seems that some policies on the price

knowledge in NCC, it seems that some policies on the price regulation do not bring the original effect as it wished then yet.

This Article will discuss and analyze the important policies NCC had made in this year and will also introduce the new “Communications Regulatory Act” that NCC had announced in September, 2007.

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