# **Emerging Trends in NGA Policy and Innovative Financing Models**

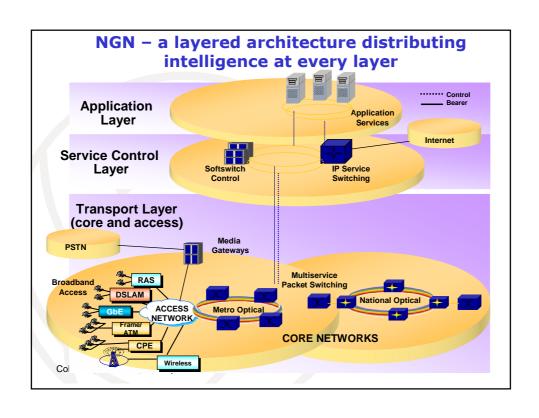
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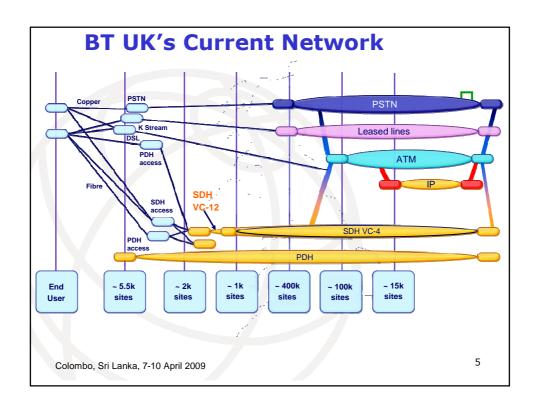
## **Agenda**

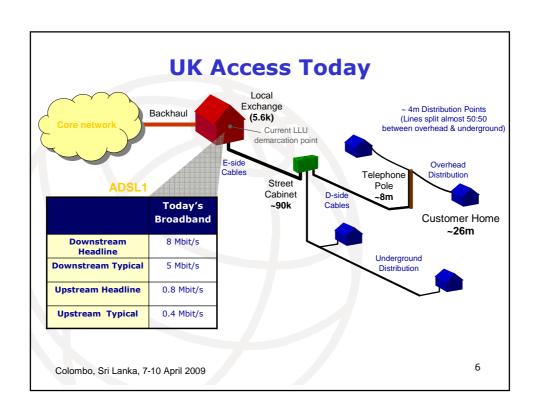
- Next Generation Network Architecture – Layered approach
- Next Generation Access (NGA)
- NGA Superfast Broadband
- NGN Regulation UK Approach
- Enabling Policy for NGA
- Innovative Financing Models

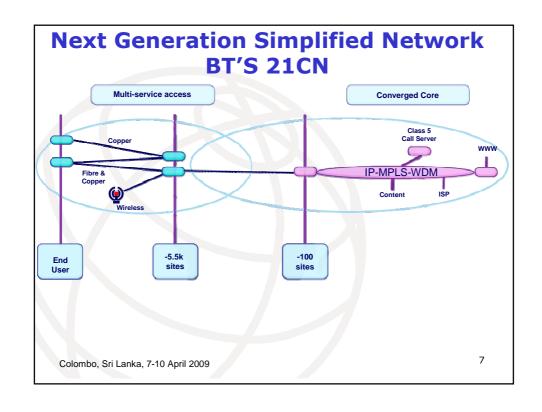
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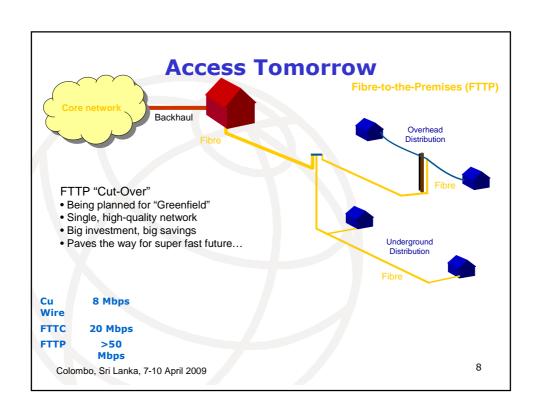


Access (NGA)				
	Now	ADSL2+	FTTC (+VDSL)	FTTP (All homes)
Downstream Headline	8 Mbit/s	24 Mbit/s	40 Mbit/s	100 Mbit/s
Downstream Typical	5 Mbit/s	10 Mbit/s	20 Mbit/s	30 Mbit/s
Upstream Headline	0.8 Mbit/s	0.8 Mbit/s	10 Mbit/s	50 Mbit/s
Upstream Typical	0.4 Mbit/s	0.4 Mbit/s	5 Mbit/s	15 Mbit/s
Cost of Deployment			£200 → £400/line	~£600/line
Regulatory Impact				Regulatory issues to be resolved









# New Era of NGN Regulation Promoting Investment and Innovation

- BT's Undertakings offered in lieu of reference to Competition Commission in September 2005
- Regulation to be focused on bottlenecks
- Incentive to invest in NGNs and Innovate
- Expectation of reduced regulation downstream
- Promote infrastructure-based competition
- Benefits the consumers, operators and UK economy
- Incumbent to compete fairly on a level playing field

Creating a climate of confidence for infrastructure Competition, Investment and Innovation

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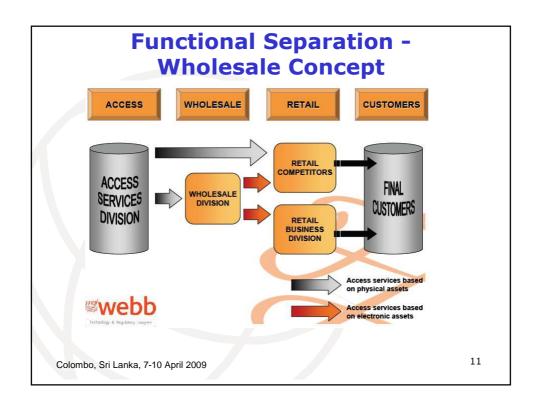
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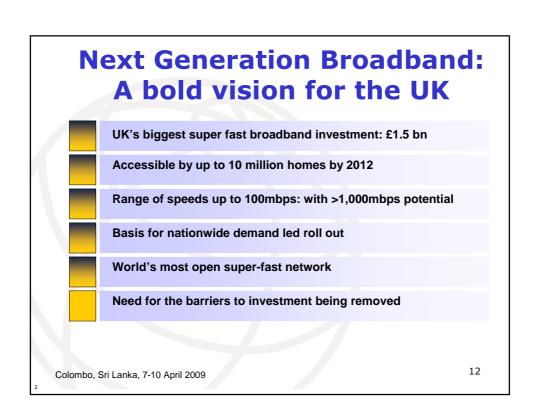
## Regulation and NGN – Key Issues

- Investment "Regulatory certainty"
  - NGNs are driven (in part) by cost savings
    - Investment requires demonstrable shareholder value
  - Regulators face a difficult challenge
    - No one can "build it and they will come" on revenue bet
    - NGNs/NGAs are disruptive to traditional boundaries
    - They challenge past regulatory assumptions (e.g. thin & dispersed vs. fat & fewer interconnect, minutes & miles vs. capacity & QOE)
  - Regulation needs to become simpler
    - Requires collaboration amongst incumbents, regulators and Competitive communications providers.
    - Over regulation could restrict converged service innovation

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# **Building on Success**

#### UK has world leading availabilit y & take up...

- BT's multi-billion pound investment has ensured everyone can be part of the broadband revolution
- 10 million kilometers of fibre already in the network
- 120,000 businesses have fibre to the premises
- 10 million people work from home using broadband
- Higher take up in rural areas than in cities

#### ...and provides massive choice to consumer

- Massive customer choice from 200 ISPs
- Among the lowest prices in the world
- Opportunity to learn from the experience of others
- All fibre based services from BT will be wholesaled to other ISPs

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### The Next Chapter: a 'mixed economy' model

## 2008 FY

#### **Enhanced copper**

#### ADSL2+ roll out makes speeds of up to 24 Mbps available to 40% population

#### Fibre

- Fibre to the home in Ebbsfleet
- Operational trials of fibre to the cabinet

#### 2010 FY

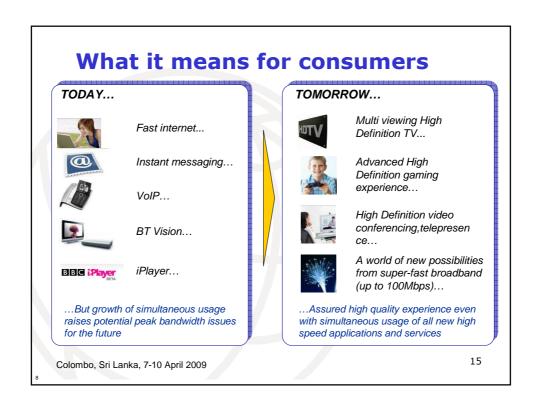
- Widespread access to ADSL2+ and speeds of up to 24 Mbps
- Fibre available to millions of homes and businesses
- BT backhaul investment reduces network bottlenecks

#### 2012 FY

- Continuing to develop technologies to enable faster speeds and more services
- Fibre roll-out brings range of speeds up to 100Mbps
- Fibre available to up to 10 million families
- Olympic village, a fibre showpiece case

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\*2008FY = 08/09 financial year



# What it means for businesses



 Bringing big business fibre services to smaller businesses: speeds > 1 Gigabit



 Improved choice in access speeds providing UK businesses with a competitive edge



 Two way speed allowing collaboration across locations between customers and suppliers



· Improved flexibility in remote and home working

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## Removing the barriers to investment

#### We need to have...

- the chance to earn a fair return if investment is successful
- principle based regulation that avoids red tape
- removal of outdated rules, such as having to deploy copper cables in parallel to fibre
- assurance that other UK companies will also wholesale their fibre services
- freedom from responsibility for other operators' past investment

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## **Enabling Policy Initiatives for NGA**

- Allowing wholesale pricing flexibility- Enabling ROI appropriate to risks
- Minimizing inefficiencies in Network Design- Forbearing Technical Regulation-Technology- Neutrality
- Supporting use of new and more flexible wholesale services
- Safeguarding the opportunity for further infrastructure based competition
- Symmetric Regulation for all new infrastructure
- Setting up of National Internet Exchange (IXP)
- Utilization of USO fund for Broadband
- Functional separation of incumbents infrastructure from service provision
- Capping the cost of international connectivity

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# **Innovative Financing Models**

- Public funding through USO (Universal Service Obligation fund)
- Public Private Partnerships collaboration between government and private agencies
- Active infrastructure sharing-LLU,Bit Stream Access, Active Loop Access, Franchising
- Bundling of CPE with service offering
- Functional Separation of Incumbent
- Managed services/vendor capex financing

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