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Funding the spectrum management authority - The approach chosen in Switzerland

Switzerland's approach is to employ both administrative charges and spectrum usage fees for financing spectrum management activities of the State. Accordingly, the Swiss system for funding the spectrum management administration bases on mixed sources. The first source is formed by revenues from administrative charges, whereby services provided to users are billed to the user on the basis of their cost (cost-recovery). The second source of income results from spectrum usage fees. These fees are established in order to cover at least the balance of spectrum management costs which is not met through income from charges. Nevertheless, this does not prevent the Swiss frequency management authorities from using spectrum pricing as an incentive tool.