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Revision to ComReg Action Plan 2007/08

Delay to Interconnection Wholesale Price Cap

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Revision to ComReg Action Plan 2007/08: Delay to Interconnection Wholesale Price Cap Consultation and Draft Decision

The Commission for Communications Regulation ('ComReg') action plan as published on the Commission's website¹ currently notes that the consultation and decision on the possible Wholesale Price Cap ('WPC') will be completed by Quarter 2, 2008. ComReg has now amended this to Quarter 1 2009 following updated information received in relation to a key input into the modelling process, which could have a material impact on the eventual rates set. ComReg requires additional time to assess the implications of this latest available information on the proposed price cap prior to consulting with industry on the WPC proposal.

Therefore ComReg wishes to advise industry that the consultation and draft decision on the WPC is now expected for Quarter 3, 2008 and therefore, subject to the responses to that consultation and draft decision, it will only be possible to implement a WPC from Quarter 1 2009 at the earliest.

In the meantime, in accordance with ComReg information notice 07/31 'Interconnection rates for 2007/08'² regarding the finalisation of the interconnection rates for 2007/08 by Eircom, these finalised rates will remain in place as final rates after 30 June 2008 until the possible WPC is implemented. However in the event of a considerable delay in the setting of the WPC, ComReg would review at that time any latest information available from Eircom to ensure that the applicable interconnect charges remain cost oriented³.

Similarly, ComReg will review the Number Translation Code ('NTC') retention rates when the Origination interconnection charge is revised, either by the possible WPC or by an interconnection price determination by ComReg as noted above, whichever is the earliest.

¹ http://www.comreg.ie/about_us/annual_action_plan.588.583.actionplan.html

² published 8 June 2007

³ Decision 10.1 of ComReg decision 07/80 and 07/109