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ComReg to release additional spectrum for broadband

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) has today published its Response to Consultation on the release of additional Spectrum in the 3.4 GHz – 3.8 GHz band for Fixed Wireless (FWALA) Broadband services for home and business consumers.

Fixed Wireless Broadband has in excess of 117,000 customers, representing almost 10% of all broadband connections in Ireland. ComReg now intends to release additional spectrum for FWALA licensing in the 3.6 GHz to 3.8 GHz part of the band, as well as releasing Channels E and J in the 3.5 GHz band - a total of 128 MHz of spectrum in all. This will increase the amount of spectrum available for FWALA broadband by almost 70%.

ComReg believes this substantial increase in available spectrum should address the spectrum needs of both existing and potential FWALA operators, enabling them to expand their networks and meet the growing demand for increased availability and choice in broadband services.

ComReg will shortly invite receipt of applications for this spectrum on its website www.comreg.ie.

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