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Regulator concludes review of *eircom*'s Reference Interconnect Offer

The Telecommunications Regulator today Thursday 27th June 2002 issued a Decision Notice on *eircom*'s Reference Interconnection Offer (RIO). This completes the third major review of the operational and technical aspects of the RIO which is the catalogue of services that *eircom* provides to other operators enabling them in turn to offer innovative and competitively priced services to the public and businesses in Ireland.

This review took into account operational issues which arose through developments in the market since the last review of *eircom*'s RIO.

One of the key decisions taken by the Regulator is that *eircom* are to allow operators to interconnect at additional network points (points of presence [PoPs]). This new form of interconnection will enable the Other Licenced Operator (OLOs) to make more effective use of their network investment and interconnect more flexibly and economically.

Other decisions include:

- Creation of two separate forums to develop in greater detail a new Partial Private Circuits product and to address the interconnection billing process.
- Industry's interconnect O&M forum to be revamped in order to address the important operational aspects of the interconnect regime.
- Introduction of version control to *eircom*'s RIO.

Other issues reviewed include routing and capacity issues, billing and payments, management aspects of the RIO, new services, service level agreements for interconnect links and the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Manual.

The Regulator, Etain Doyle said "*eircom*'s RIO is a living document and will change with the requirements of the market. I believe these decisions bring the Irish RIO into line with best EU practice and the version control will help improve the transparency of *eircom*'s Reference Interconnect Offer (RIO) for other operators".

A copy of the Decision Notice is available on the ODTR website www.odtr.ie

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