

Information Notice

Interim Rates for NTC Services effective from 1st April 2003

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1. Introduction

In June 2002, the Commission issued a Decision Notice on *eircom's* Reference Interconnection Offer-D10/02, directing that *eircom* was to implement the capability for Near End Handover in all AXE switches no later than three months from the date of that determination.

The Commission proposes to set the rates listed in appendix 1 as interim rates to be effective from 1st April 2003. These rates were based on information supplied to ComReg by Eircom who have indicated that some of the information relating to the level of bad debt applicable to individual products may be subject to revision as more accurate data becomes available. These interim rates may need to be revised if ComReg is satisfied as to the accuracy and materiality of any new information submitted by Eircom. These rates apply to ESAT-BT only who has implemented Near End Hand Over (NEHO) of NTC calls with eircom. The prices for this service comprise the conveyance costs related to the specific points of interconnection and average call holding times of that operator. The existing industry average rates continue to apply to other operators who have not requested NEHO and continue to collect calls at the Tertiary Switches. These rates apply only to calls originated by eircom and do not apply to transit traffic to this Operator.

Service	Day	Evening	Weekend	Units
1530	15.25	11.96	11.53	cents/min
1540	2.10	1.69	1.64	cents/call
1550	2.60	2.20	1.61	cents/min
1560	1.75	1.24	1.29	cents/min
1570	1.64	1.30	1.21	cents/min
1580	1.68	1.41	1.42	cents/min
1850	3.56	5.20	3.47	cents/call
1890	0.49	0.26	0.24	cents/min
0818	1.12	1.79	0.87	cents/min
0700	1.12	1.79	0.87	cents/min
1891	0.59	0.37	0.33	cents/min
1892	0.64	0.31	0.29	cents/min
1800	0.65	0.43	0.32	cents/min

Appendix 1- Interim Ancillary Services RIO Retention Rates