

Reference Interconnect Offer

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INFORMATION NOTICE

In March 2001, the Director issued a Consultation Paper on *eircom's* Reference Interconnection Offer and Accounting Separation matters¹. Decisions on the relevant issues were published in D7/01².

The following rates are due to be agreed:

- Final rates for the 4 months from 1/12/99 to 31/3/00
- Revised interim rates from 1/4/00 to 31/3/01
- Interim rates from 1/4/01 to 30/9/01 based on one-part charging
- Interim rates, including two-part charging, from 1/10/01 to 31/3/02

The date for submission by *eircom* of their RIO pricing was set at 9th May, and the ODTR expected that prices would be finalised shortly thereafter. *eircom* asked for, and the ODTR agreed to *eircom* submitting their figures on 15th May.³ *eircom* submitted price proposals in compliance with D7/01 and these are currently being evaluated. It is expected that the validation of that submission, apart from the two-part pricing elements, will be completed on or after Friday 8th June.

It is intended to announce the final rates to be charged for the four months to 31/3/00, the revised interim rates for the twelve months to 31/3/01 and the interim rates for the six months to 30/9/01 shortly after the 8^{th} June.

The computations in respect of two-part charging still require further work but it is expected that interim prices can be announced after 8th June and introduced from 1/10/01.

¹ eircom's Reference Interconnection Offer & Accounting Separation and Publication of Financial Information for Telecommunications Operators, Consultation Paper, (Document no. ODTR 01/11) ² eircom's Reference Interconnection Offer & Accounting Separation and Publication of Financial Information for Telecommunications Operators, Report on the Consultation & Decision Notice D7/01, (Document no. ODTR 01/24)

³ This has been done by *eircom* subject to legal proceedings which *eircom* has taken out against D7/01.