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# Withdrawal of Eircom's APT-Reach facility at the Scartbaun Exchange (site code SRN)

**Information Notice**

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1. On 5 May 2026, Eircom Limited ("Eircom") sought from ComReg, pursuant to Section 14.5(ii) of the Decision Instrument at Annex 8 of Decision D03/20 ("the WHQA Decision"),[1] approval to withdraw Access Seekers' access to an existing facility, namely the APT-Reach facility previously available at the Scartbaun exchange (site code SRN).

2. The WHQA Decision designated Eircom with Significant Market Power in respect of the provision of Wholesale High-Quality Access (Modern Interface) and imposed a series of obligations on Eircom including an obligation not to withdraw access to facilities already granted without ComReg's prior approval. The WHQA Decision was withdrawn and replaced on 31 July 2026 with ComReg Decision D09/26 ("the WDC Decision")[2], which continues Eircom's obligation not to withdraw access to facilities already granted without ComReg's prior approval.

3. Based on the information provided by Eircom and in the circumstances of the proposed withdrawal, including that there has been very little use of the APT-Reach facility at Scartbaun, ComReg has decided to grant Eircom permission for the withdrawal of its access obligations in respect of this specific request.

4. ComReg's decision is limited to the circumstances of the case and ComReg's approval in this instance does not set a precedent in respect of future ComReg consideration of any similar withdrawal requests, and establishes no constraints on the scope of future ComReg action in respect of such withdrawal requests.

5. On foot of ComReg's approval to withdraw the APT-Reach facility at Scartbaun, Eircom has been requested to update the published WDC Rollout Plan as soon as possible.

[1] "Wholesale High Quality Access at a Fixed Location" (ComReg Document No. 20/06, Decision No. D03/20).

[2] "Market Review - Wholesale Dedicated Capacity (WDC) Market - Response to Consultation and Decision" (ComReg Document No. 26/50, Decision No. D09/29).