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45% reduction in charges for operators using eircom exchanges for Local Loop Unbundling

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) has agreed with eircom reductions of 45% in charges for operators who use eircom exchanges.

Telecoms companies who require space in eircom exchanges must request eircom to identify where there is space available. If sufficient space is available, eircom will make an offer to the company for that space.

Following a series of discussions initiated by ComReg, eircom has informed ComReg that charges for surveys and offers in relation to space in telephone exchanges will be reduced by an average of 45%. For example, a charge of €12,000 will fall to less than €6,250 per exchange as result of this reduction.

ComReg welcomes this reduction in prices as it will help to stimulate further take-up of local loop unbundling by operators. This, in turn, will enable operators to offer more competitive services such as broadband internet access, leased lines and voice services.

The Chairperson of ComReg, John Doherty, said: “Local Loop Unbundling (LLU) can play an important role in developing competition here and across Europe. These latest reductions, coupled with the recently proposed lower LLU line rental costs, will all contribute to stimulating more competition here to the benefit of consumers. ComReg is also currently reviewing a number of other aspects of the LLU product.”

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