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ComReg Consults on Financial Reporting Obligations for RTE Networks for Analogue Broadcasting Transmission

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today sets out the recommendations for the application of accounting separation arrangements under the new legal framework governing broadcasting transmission. The documents - ComReg 05/49 and 05/49A – are available on the ComReg website www.ComReg.ie

The purpose of accounting separation is to provide an analysis of accounting information to reflect as closely as possible the performance of parts of the business as if they had operated as separate businesses. It is applied to those operators that have been designated as having significant market power (SMP). RTÉNL has been designated with having SMP in the broadcasting market by ComReg.

This analysis benefits both consumers and industry by

- Providing transparency of SMP operators costs and their relationship to revenues to ensure they are cost oriented
- Giving visibility of any price discrimination that may be occurring i.e. ensure consistent pricing is charged to both industry and RTÉNL's affiliates

The consultation document ComReg 05/49 is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie. Interested parties have until 12th August 2005 to respond to the consultation.

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