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ComReg decides on USO funding period

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today announced the relevant period for assessing eircom's request for funding for the provision of its Universal Service Obligations.

Universal service in Ireland consists of the provision of a defined set of telephone services to all end-users. In July 2006, Eircom was designated as the universal service provider in the State for a period of four years

ComReg has decided that the relevant period for assessing Eircom's request for funding shall be the financial period commencing from April 1, 2006. Eircom made a request to ComReg for funding for the provision its Universal Service Obligations to be back-dated to 1999. After consideration, ComReg has decided against accepting Eircom's request going back to 1999.

Eircom's substantive request for USO funding from April 1, 2006 is under review.

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