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ComReg issues a further direction to eircom on Local Loop Unbundling

ComReg has today issued a further direction requiring eircom to attend an industry meeting on Friday, the 4th of February, where it will provide an update as to the content and progress of its response to operators' requests for the development of Local Loop Unbundling products and supporting processes.

On the 18th January 2004, ComReg issued Decision Notice D1/05¹ which set out directions to eircom requiring it to respond to industry requests for the development of LLU products and supporting processes. Part of this response involved eircom meeting with industry on the 1st of February to, among other issues, discuss operators' LLU requirements.

This meeting did not subsequently take place as it became clear to ComReg that eircom did not intend to address the relevant matters covered by that Decision Notice. ComReg has therefore issued further directions requiring eircom to attend an industry meeting on Friday, the 4th of February, where it will provide an update as to the content and progress of its response to operators' requests for the development of LLU products and supporting processes.

Failure to adhere to this direction will result in an application to the High Court for an order directing compliance and/or the imposition of financial penalties, as appropriate.

Local Loop Unbundling is the process whereby operators competing with eircom can gain access to and control of the telephone line between the local telephone exchange servicing the customer and the customer's premises – commonly known as the last mile or local loop.

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¹ Available at <http://www.comreg.ie/fileupload/publications/ComReg0504.pdf>