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ComReg issues Consultation Paper on Market Analysis for Wholesale Broadband Access

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today issued a Consultation Paper on the results of its market analysis of wholesale broadband access. The consultation paper is the latest in a series that ComReg is issuing as part of its review of the communications markets in Ireland.

ComReg is proposing that eircom should be designated as having SMP (significant market power) on the market for “wholesale broadband access”. This market relates to the provision of DSL at the wholesale level for other authorised operators. ComReg also does not foresee any technological or market developments to suggest that the SMP enjoyed by eircom will be diluted in any meaningful way in the absence of appropriate and proportionate regulatory intervention.

ComReg is proposing to maintain the existing access obligations for other operators wishing to provide DSL services and is consulting on whether eircom should be obliged to consider other reasonable requests for access to its network.

ComReg would welcome comments from all interested parties on the questions posed in this market review. Comments are to be supplied in writing on or before 21st April 2004. The full consultation paper ComReg 04/25 is available on the ComReg website.

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