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ComReg issues two Consultation Papers on Market Analysis for Retail Fixed Access & Retail Fixed calls

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) has today issued two consultation papers on the results of its market analysis of the retail fixed markets. The first paper refers to Retail Fixed Narrowband Access and the second to Retail Fixed Calls.

ComReg's preliminary conclusion is that there are two markets in Retail Fixed Narrowband Access. The first market covers mainly access to copper exchange lines and basic rate ISDN services, and the second market covers higher speed ISDN access.

ComReg's preliminary conclusion in the Fixed Retail Calls market review is that there are also two retail calls' markets. The first market covers domestic calls which include mainly local and national calls and the second market covers international calls.

ComReg's preliminary conclusion is that eircom is dominant in all four markets due to high market shares, significant barriers to entry and an absence of any countervailing buyer power. Among the obligations proposed for eircom are: maintaining the existing price cap; obligations on eircom to provide carrier access, carrier select and carrier-pre selection; and to provide a wholesale line rental product.

The full consultation papers – ComReg 04/94 (Retail Fixed Narrowband Access) and ComReg 04/95 (Retail Fixed Calls) are available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie and they can be located in the Publications' section of the website.

Comments to ComReg on the two consultation papers are invited and must be received by October 13 2004.

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