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ComReg makes first SMP designation under new Regulatory Framework

The Commission for Communications Regulation today designated RTE Transmission Network Limited (RTNL) - the transmission operating arm of Radio Telefis Eireann ("RTE") - as having Significant Market Power (SMP) in the two wholesale markets for radio and television broadcasting transmission services on national analogue terrestrial networks.

The ComReg decision follows an extensive, transparent and thorough market review process carried out by ComReg over the past year, as required by the new communications regulatory framework which came into effect in 2003.

The measures imposed under this decision were also notified to the EU Commission and other national regulatory authorities in accordance with Regulation 20 of the Framework Regulations. The notified measures were accepted by the EU Commission on 2 March 2004.

Having determined that the relevant markets reviewed are not effectively competitive and having identified an SMP operator, ComReg is next required to impose *ex ante* regulatory obligations that are, appropriate, based on the nature of the problem identified, proportionate and justified. ComReg will consult fully on the remedies which it considers are appropriate in relation to this matter.

The full decision notice ComReg 04/47 is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie

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