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## **ComReg publishes its findings of the review of the local loop unbundling market**

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) has today issued its response to a national consultation on access to eircom's local loop network. The purpose of the review was to assess the level of effective competition in the provision of wholesale unbundled access.

eircom's local access network (aka the local loop) is the last mile of phone-line that goes from a local exchange into a home or business. ComReg has concluded that eircom is dominant in the provision of unbundled access.

ComReg believes that eircom should be obliged to provide access to the local loop to other operators.

Access to the local loop is imperative as it will allow other operators to offer business and residential customers competitive broadband products.

Under the new EU framework regulations transposed into Irish law last July, ComReg is obliged to notify the European Commission and other European Regulators of the findings of this review. The Commission and other EU regulators have 4 weeks to comment on the review.

ComReg intends consulting on the detail of the obligations proposed in this review following completion of the notification process to the EU Commission.

The full document ComReg 04/40 is available on the ComReg website [www.comreg.ie](http://www.comreg.ie)

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