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ComReg publishes its findings of the review of the wholesale broadcasting transmission market

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) has today issued its response to a national consultation on wholesale broadcasting markets.

The purpose of the review was to assess the level of effective competition in the provision of wholesale broadcasting transmission services in Ireland.

Having considered the views of all respondents, ComReg has concluded that RTE Networks are dominant in the national transmission of analogue terrestrial TV and analogue terrestrial radio. On foot of this conclusion, ComReg is proposing to oblige RTE Networks to operate in a transparent and non-discriminatory fashion in these markets.

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 consultation documents (ComReg 03/126, 04/06) related to the above matters are available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie

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