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ComReg publishes its Response to Consultation and draft Decision on the provision of Universal Service for basic telephone services in Ireland

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today published the Response to Consultation to its paper 'The Future Provision of Telephony Services under Universal Service Obligations' (06/16) which was published on 30 March 2006. The response also includes the text of the draft Decision notice.

Universal Service ensures that fixed line telephone services are available at an affordable price to all end users. Among the areas covered in the draft Decision is ComReg's intention to designate *eircom* as the Universal Service Provider (USP) for a 4 year period to end June 2010. The current designation of *eircom* as the USP will expire on 24 July 2006.

Comments on the text of the draft Decision are invited until 3pm on Monday, 10 July 2006. ComReg will consider all views expressed and seek the consent of the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources on particular aspects of the Decision.

Comments should be submitted to:-

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