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ComReg publishes Proposed Remedies for Wholesale Broadcasting Transmission Markets

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today published the regulatory obligations it proposes to impose on RTÉ Network Transmission Limited for the supply of national broadcasting transmission services. These obligations are designed to ensure that all national broadcasters have fair and equal access to the necessary transmission facilities. ComReg is proposing that RTÉ Transmission Network Limited is obliged to operate in a transparent and non-discriminatory fashion in these markets and that it is also obliged to implement accounting separation to monitor compliance with these obligations.

In April 2004, ComReg designated RTÉ Transmission Network Ltd (RTÉNL) (04/47) as having significant market power in the following markets:

- Radio broadcasting transmission services on national analogue terrestrial networks; and
- Television broadcasting transmission services on analogue terrestrial networks.

Under new European legislation, ComReg is required to review 18 identified recommended markets to establish whether any entity holds Significant Market Power. If so, ComReg is obliged to impose appropriate obligations on undertakings identified with Significant Market Power.

ComReg welcomes comments from all interested parties on or before the 16 September 2004. The full consultation paper ComReg 04/80 is available on the ComReg website www.comreg.ie.

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