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Eircom to reduce Local Loop Unbundling Ancillary Charges following ComReg Review

The Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg) today welcomes the publication by Eircom of the revised Access Reference Offer (ARO) price list relating to Local Loop Unbundling (LLU) ancillary charges. These revised charges, which follow from an extensive review by ComReg of Eircom's pricing, will result in reductions of up to 65% of the main current ARO charges.

Ancillary charges include charges such as survey type charges relating to collocation as well as connection type charges for LLU and line share. Lowering these charges lowers many of the costs associated with LLU and should therefore make adoption of LLU more attractive to Other Authorised Operators (OAOs). The revised charges will be effective from 1 October, 2008.

LLU is the process which enables OAOs to make use of the physical copper connections between a customer and the local exchange, known as 'local loop'. Eircom is obliged to provide access to the local loop and associated (or ancillary) facilities including collocation at Eircom local exchanges and cabinets. The services contained within the ARO price list include collocation, LLU and line share.

ComReg Chairperson, John Doherty, said that "The ComReg review and subsequent reduction in the prices of the LLU ancillary charges are part of ComReg's overall commitment to ensure Eircom meets its pricing obligations when providing services to other operators. These price reductions should also help encourage further competition in the LLU market".

For full details of the revised prices and the related ARO price review, please refer to ComReg document no 08/71 on ComReg's website at www.comreg.ie

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