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INFORMATION NOTICE

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**Reference Interconnect Offer
Two-Part Call Charges**

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INFORMATION NOTICE - TWO PART CONVEYANCE CHARGES

In April 2001, the Director published a Decision Notice on *eircom's* Reference Interconnection Offer and Accounting Separation matters (D7/01)¹.

Following publication of the Decision Notice, revised interconnect conveyance rates in respect of four separate time periods were to be issued by *eircom* and reviewed by ODTR, i.e.:

- Four months rates from 1/12/99 to 31/3/00
- Revised interim rates from 1/4/00 to 31/3/01
- Interim rates from 1/4/01 to 30/9/01 based on one-part charging
- Interim rates, including two-part charging, from 1/10/01 to 31/3/02

eircom published a revised Reference Interconnect Offer on 22nd June 2001. The rates published were the current interim rates that apply from 1st April 2001 until 30th September 2001. At that date the computations in respect of two-part charging required additional work and publication of rates was deferred.

Decision 8.1 of D7/01 states the "two-part charging will be introduced on 1st October 2001. The RIO when republished shall include a one-part charge that will apply prior to 1st October 2001 and the two-part charge that will apply thereafter". The Director notes that *eircom* has today published a revised RIO which now includes two-part rates applicable from the appropriate date.

While the proposed rates appear to be not unreasonable, ODTR has not carried out a full review of the cost-justification for the charges. Therefore the published two-part rates are indicative charges at this stage and will be subject to further review and/or amendment before approval as interim rates. In this context, interim rates will apply until the cost basis is validated by reference to the Separated Accounts for the relevant financial year.

¹ *eircom's* Reference Interconnection Offer & Accounting Separation and Publication of Financial Information for Telecommunications Operators, Report on the Consultation & Decision Notice D7/01, (Document no. ODTR 01/24)