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Information Notice

Update on WPC and R I O Interconnection rates

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Update on Wholesale Price Cap and RIO Interconnection Rates

In Information Notice 08/54 regarding a delay to the Interconnection Wholesale Price Cap ('WPC'), the Commission for Communications Regulation ('ComReg') noted that it had received updated information "*in relation to a key input into the modelling process, which would have a material impact on the eventual rates set.*" It was further noted that ComReg required additional time "*to assess the implications of this latest available information on the proposed price cap prior to consulting with industry on the WPC proposal*".

ComReg has assessed this additional information and believes it to be material information which could have a significant impact on a proposed WPC. Therefore, ComReg will review Eircom's 2007/08 Current Cost and Long Run Incremental Cost Statements, which will be available on 1 January, 2009, to ensure that the information provided for consideration in the WPC is consistent with these.

In Information Notice 08/54, ComReg also noted that "*in the event of a considerable delay in the setting of the WPC, ComReg would review at that time any latest information available from Eircom to ensure that the applicable interconnect charges remain cost oriented*".¹ As the WPC has not yet been implemented, ComReg will review Eircom's Top Down interconnect model for 2007/08 to ensure that the cost orientation obligation is being satisfied for 2008/09, pursuant to Eircom's legal obligations in this regard.

ComReg currently intends to issue a consultation document in relation to the proposed Interconnection WPC in the first quarter of 2009.

¹ Decision 10.1 of ComReg decision 07/80 and 07/109.