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**INFORMATION NOTICE**

**Interim Rates for NTC Services effective  
from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2002.**

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## 1. Introduction

In June 2002, the Director issued a Decision Notice on *eircom's* Reference Interconnection Offer- D10/02, directing that *eircom* was to implement the capability for Near End Handover in all AXE switches no later than three months from the date of that determination. This direction is therefore effective from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2002.

It is intended that the procedures for calculating and adjusting de-averaged NTC rates incorporating near end hand over will be finalised soon. As proposals currently stand it is intended that these rates would be adjusted quarterly to reflect changes in traffic flows.

The Director proposes to set the rates listed in appendix 1 as interim rates to be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2002.

These rates were based on information supplied to the ODTR by Eircom who have indicated that some of the information relating to the level of bad debt applicable to individual products may be subject to revision as more accurate data becomes available. These interim rates may need to be revised if the ODTR is satisfied as to the accuracy and materiality of any new information submitted by Eircom.

Current practice would mean that these rates will be finalised when *eircom's* separated accounts for the year to 31 March 2003 become available. However, the ODTR is concerned by the high degree of complexity inherent in the quarterly adjustments referred to above themselves being revised retrospectively at least once annually as new conveyance rates are set and other information becomes available in the separated accounts. The office may consult on this issue to simplify the process shortly.

Eircom are due to make additional submissions in relation to other NTC services. Further information notices will follow as soon these submissions have been reviewed and approved by the ODTR.

## Appendix 1- Interim Ancillary Services - RIO Retention Rates

<b>Service</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Evening</b>	<b>Weekend</b>	<b>Units</b>
1530	15.36	11.94	11.49	cents/min
1540	2.09	1.67	1.61	cents/call
1550	1.93	1.55	1.85	cents/min
1560	1.65	1.27	1.23	cents/min
1570	1.57	1.21	1.16	cents/min
1580	1.68	1.41	1.37	cents/min
1850	4.49	6.21	4.50	cents/call
1890	0.52	0.31	0.29	cents/min
0818	1.08	0.75	0.84	cents/min
0700	1.57	1.35	1.21	cents/min
1891	0.59	0.35	0.32	cents/min
1892	0.64	0.31	0.29	cents/min
1800	0.84	0.54	0.58	cents/min