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Major Operators Retain Market Power Status

Other Operators Increase Market Share

The Telecommunications Regulator, **Etain Doyle**, today reconfirmed *eircom*, Vodafone and 0₂ as operators with Significant Market Power (SMP) in the Irish telecommunications market following a review of market shares for 2001.

An operator designated as having Significant Market Power must comply with certain legal obligations by adhering to the principles of non-discrimination, transparency and cost orientation in the following broad categories: interconnection, access, quality of service, accounting separation and cost oriented tariffs.

The new review shows progress in the telecommunications market in Ireland since the first ODTR review was carried out on the basis of market shares in 1998/1999.

Eircom's share of the fixed public telephony services market now stands at 86% compared with 89% in 2000 and 95% in 1998/1999. Other Licenced Operators now provide 15% of leased lines directly on their networks and account for 12% of the fixed telephony network market. Esat and Worldcom have increased their shares of own network supplied services, reflecting the development of their networks.

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