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ODTR to consult on *eircom*'s Reference Interconnect Offer

The ODTR today Thursday 14th March 2001 issued a consultation on *eircom*'s Reference Interconnection Offer (RIO). This is the third major review of the operational and technical aspects of the RIO and the consultation process will be open until 26th April 2002.

The RIO is a fundamental document that influences the way competition operates in the market. It defines the mechanisms that allow competing operators to pass telephone traffic between each other and the prices that apply in such cases.

eircom must have a RIO that complies with the relevant legislation including the principle of transparency and cost orientation and sets out the particular components of interconnection according to market needs. The ODTR has a range of statutory function in relation to the RIO.

According to the regulator “ While *eircom*'s RIO has expanded over the years with new products introduced to meet industry demands it is now appropriate to review certain operational and technical aspects of the RIO which I have addressed in this consultation. In preparing this consultation paper the ODTR considered issues that have arisen since the last review of *eircom*'s RIO through developments in the market and comments received from operators.”

The ODTR is consulting on a range of issues including:

- Routing and capacity issues
- Billing and payments

- Management of the RIO
- New Services
- Service Level Agreements for Interconnect Links and Operations and Maintenance Manual

A copy of the consultation paper is available on the ODTR website www.odtr.ie
02/27 “*eircom*’s reference Interconnect Offer – Consultation Paper”

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