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REGULATOR BROADENS SCOPE OF GENERAL TELECOMS LICENCE

The Telecoms Regulator has broadened the scope of the General Telecommunications Licence to encompass “Wireless in the Local Loop” (WLL) technology. The new part, (Part 5), sets out the basis upon which operators can use WLL to deliver telecoms services.

Ireland is at the forefront of Europe in the licensing of WLL services and a competition is currently in progress for the award of up to four narrowband and four broadband WLL licences. The names of the highest ranked applicants are expected in mid-August and the new amendment will mean that all licensed telecoms services can be delivered over the local loop by the new licensees.

The Decision Notice **D7/99 ODTR 99/40 - “Amendment to General Telecommunications Licence: Additional Provisions relating to the right to use Fixed Wireless Point to Multi-Point Access for the Provision of Telecommunications Services”** can be viewed on the ODTR website (<http://www.odtr.ie>).

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