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Regulator to ensure that An Post's tariffs are based on efficient operation

Etain Doyle, Independent Regulator for the Postal Sector in Ireland today (Tuesday 15th May 2001) published a third Consultation Paper about the key issues that will form the framework for postal regulation in Ireland:

❖ Regulation of Postal Services – Approach to Monitoring Compliance with Universal Service Tariff Principles ODTR 01/35

The paper deals with the principles that the Regulator intends to follow in monitoring the level and structure of An Post's tariffs, particularly for services where prices are not constrained by competition.

According to the Director "The approach chosen must provide effective protection for consumers and others against excessive and anti-competitive pricing, while enabling the company make decisions within an appropriate and stable framework."

She continued "I intend that the application of the principles will ensure that the universal service provider is efficient in its operations and that its tariffs are set accordingly."

The other consultation papers were issued on 30 April and dealt with Quality of Service Targets and Accounting Separation with respect to An Post. The Director today announced an extension in the time available for interested parties to submit a response to these papers. The new closing dates are:

Friday 1 June 2001

- ❖ **ODTR 01/29 Universal Postal Services - Accounting Separation & Costing Methodology Proposed Direction to An Post**

Friday 8 June 2001

- ❖ **ODTR 01/28 Regulation of Postal Services - Quality of Service Standards to be achieved by An Post**

Friday 15 June 2001

- ❖ **Regulation of Postal Services – Approach to Monitoring Compliance with Universal Service Tariff Principles ODTR 01/35**

All three papers are available on the ODTR website – www.odtr.ie

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