



Office of the Director of
**Telecommunications
Regulation**

PRESS RELEASE

**REGULATOR WELCOMES CUT IN
INTERNATIONAL LEASED LINE CHARGES**

The Director of Telecommunications Regulations, Ms Etain Doyle, today, welcomed Telecom Eireann's decision to reduce charges for International Leased Lines from 1 October 1998.

The reduced International Leased Line charges apply to both Retail users and Service Providers. The Regulator will be interested to receive comments from Service Providers on the market impact of these reductions.

These reductions have been allowed by the Director in advance of completion by her Office of a detailed audit on Telecom Eireann's cost accounting system. This audit will provide the Director with independent information to verify Telecom Eireann's charges for a range of services, including leased lines.

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