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Request for Extension of Deadline for Eircom's Universal Service Funding Applications

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1. The Commission for Communications Regulation (“ComReg”) published Decision D04/11 entitled “Costing of universal service obligations: Principles and Methodologies” on 31 May 2011¹.
2. As the designated USP, Eircom may submit applications for funding in accordance with D04/11, in respect of its financial periods 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.
3. On 31 May 2012, ComReg received an application for funding from Eircom for the provision of the universal service for the period 2009-2010.
4. ComReg set out its preliminary view in respect of Eircom’s application in its Consultation and Draft Determination, ComReg document 13/45² issued in May 2013.
5. On 8 November 2013, Eircom submitted an extension request in respect of its funding application for the 2010-2011 period, which was due to be submitted by 11 November 2013.³ The extension request also sought extensions for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 applications which are due to be submitted by 31 March 2014.
6. On 9 January 2014 and since receipt of Eircom’s request on 8 November 2013, ComReg issued a Response to Consultation and Determination (“D01/14”)⁴ in respect of Eircom’s funding application for the 2009-2010 period.
7. ComReg has considered Eircom’s request and in accordance with Decision 33 of D04/11 it has decided that it is appropriate to grant extensions to these application deadlines. ComReg, cognisant of the fact that the 2009-2010 assessment was the first of its kind, is of the view that the extension will allow Eircom the opportunity to review and incorporate the recommendations relating to the application, set out in ComReg documents D01/14 and 13/45 and associated consultants’ reports, into future applications.
8. ComReg has granted an extension to the deadline for Eircom’s 2010-2011 Universal Service Fund Application to 1 September 2014 and to the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Universal Service Fund Applications to 1 November 2014.

¹ ComReg Doc. No 11/42

² ComReg Doc. No 13/45, “*Consultation and Draft Determination on the Assessment of Eircom’s Universal Service Fund Application for 2009-2010*”, 10 May 2013

³ ComReg Doc. No 13/100

⁴ ComReg Doc. No 14/03, “*Assessment of Eircom’s Universal Service Fund Application for 2009-2010– Response to Consultation and Determination*”, D01/14, 9 January 2014