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Telecoms Regulator proposes amendments to Chorus, Esat BT and *eircom*'s Wireless Broadband Licences

The Telecoms Regulator, **Etain Doyle**, today announced details of proposed changes to the FWA broadband licences* held by *eircom* ltd, Esat BT and Chorus. The proposals are being made to take account of technological advances, to allow for swapping of named sites and/or counties and to sanction substantial non-compliance with licence obligations.

The proposed amendments include:

- Removal of certain licence obligations from *eircom* regarding antennae sites and the provision of the Centrex service.
- Relocation of base stations at Mullingar, Tullamore, Naas, and also Ennis to alternative sites in the Esat FWPMA Licence.
- Revocation of Chorus's FWPMA broadband licence*

Interested parties have 21 days to make representations to Etain Doyle in relation to the proposals.

The Regulator has noted that a new scheme to allow for local area FWA licensing on a first come first served basis is currently being devised. This scheme will be open to all operators requiring spectrum for wireless broadband services.

Details of the proposed amendments are set out in Information Notice odtr02/88 available on www.odtr.ie

Note to Editor:

**Part 5 of the General Telecommunications Licences FWPMA (Broadband) licence operating in the 24.5 – 26.5 GHz Frequency Band*

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