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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Telecoms Regulator sets prices for Local Loop Unbundling.**

Etain Doyle, Telecoms Regulator today (Monday 30th April 2001) cleared the way for implementation of local loop unbundling. In a Decision Notice today the regulator set prices for access and directed changes to *eircom*'s Reference Access Offer. Monthly line rental is fixed at €13.53, or £10.66.

According to the Regulator “ while there has been an LLU reference offer available from *Eircom* since the due date of 31 December 2000, this was incomplete and non compliant in several respects. In order to ensure that consumers are in a position to derive the benefits that Local Loop Unbundling can bring I have decided to intervene and set prices.”

Local Loop unbundling has the potential to increase significantly the range of competitive services available to businesses and consumers. It requires the network owner to provide access to the copper pair connecting an individual telephone subscriber to the nearest point of interconnection with the main telephone network at the local exchange. This allows new entrants to offer a full range of broadband services directly to the customer.

The regulator continued “As *eircom* has failed to supply all the relevant information, I have set interim prices based on the information available to me. Despite repeated requests and the clear direction that the 30<sup>th</sup> April was the final date for the determination, there are still very substantial gaps in the material provided to me by

*eircom*. *Eircom's* approach with respect to costing and the level of response and co-operation this issue is not acceptable."

These charges set are based on data from *eircom*, benchmarking and other reviews and analyses by the ODTR of efficient operator costs. They are within the range of pricing in other EU countries. The line rental at €13.53 is within the EU range from €8.23 to €19.51, and connection at €119.73 compared with €47 to €221.69.

Country	One Off Fee	Monthly Rental
Denmark	47.00	8.23
Italy	54.50	11.63
Austria	92.59	12.48
Germany	103.90	12.90
Spain	127.70	12.55
The Netherlands	134.00	12.50
Sweden	107.90	14.50
UK	170.00	15.00
France	138.00	16.00
Belgium	221.69	19.51
<i>Simple Average (euros)</i>	<i>119.73</i>	<i>13.53</i>

The setting of these prices does not relieve *eircom* of its responsibility to address the deficiencies in its pricing proposals and to make a comprehensive re-submission to the ODTR on all matters.

#### Price Listing - ULMP

Charge	IR£	€
Line Rental	10.66	13.53
Connection Order with successful completion	94.29	119.73
Connection Order failing validation	39.90	50.66
Disconnection Charge	0.00	0.00
Line Testing	21.55	27.36
Fault Clearance	46.95	59.61

#### Price Listing - Line Sharing

Charge	IR£	€
Line Rental	5.33 <sup>1</sup>	6.77
Connection Order with successful completion	140.92	178.93
Connection Order failing validation	39.90	50.66
Disconnection Charge	40.70	51.68
Line Testing	21.55	27.36
Fault Clearance	46.95	59.61

<sup>1</sup> i.e. 50% of ULMP charge – see Appendix I

The Decision Notice also directs certain changes to text in the Reference Offer, and announces a review of Service Level Agreements for SLAs.

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