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Application for funding from the Universal Service Provider for 2015/2016

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1. On 31 March 2017, ComReg received an application from Eircom Limited (Eir) for funding for the provision of the universal service for Eir's 2015/2016 financial year.
2. ComReg now wishes to confirm that Eir has claimed a net cost of €12.6m, (direct net cost of €13.5m less intangible benefits of €0.9m), for its provision of the universal service during its 2015/2016 financial year and for which it is seeking to receive funding.
3. In due course, ComReg will begin the process of assessing Eir's 2015/16 application for universal service funding in accordance with Decision D04/11.¹
4. Accordingly, ComReg will verify if there is a net cost, determine whether or not any such net cost constitutes an unfair burden on Eir and if so, it is necessary to establish a sharing mechanism.
5. We are currently assessing the funding applications received from Eir for its financial years 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, and 2014/15 and are in the process of forming our preliminary views and preparing for consultation on these applications. We will issue an Information Notice in May 2017, which will set out ComReg's planned approach to the consultation process, including timelines for publication and receipt of responses.

¹ <http://www.comreg.ie/fileupload/publications/ComReg1142.pdf>