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TRAI's effort to conduct consultations to "Review Interconnection Usage Charge (IUC) policy

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Sub: TRAI's effort to conduct consultations to "Review Interconnection Usage Charge (IUC) policy"

Dear Sir,

This is in response to your invitation to put-forth our views on the issue of review of Interconnection Usage Charges.

The near-term outlook on adoption of new efficient technologies such as 4G by all old Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) appears bleak in case of Vodafone Idea and BSNL/MTNL and tardy for Airtel. Look at the TRAI data on the addition of 4G BTS (eNodeB) for December 2018 to June 2019. Of the total additions, Vodafone Idea's share was only 1.35 per cent, Airtel 44 per cent, Reliance Jio 54.65 per cent and zero by MTNL/BSNL (no4G).

Therefore, it will be appropriate to conclude that due to the existence of IUC charge benefits the old TSPs are not very serious about the modernisation of their networks and nor about the TRAI deadline. Since the old TSPs have not done much on this in the last 2.5 years, how can we expect them to do so even in the next 2-4 years?

Therefore, domestic IUC should be made zero to spur old TSPs to quickly modernise their networks.

We believe you will take appropriate step to introduce bill and keep regime soon.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

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