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Review of Interconnection Usage Charge (IUC) Resolution, 2017

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To

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Sub: Review of Interconnection Usage Charge (IUC)
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Dear Sir,

The IUC charge virtually becomes the floor price for an off-net voice call which in turn gives telecom operators an alibi to charge unreasonably high tariff from their customers (calls charged as high as Rs 1.8 per minute) while a telecom provider which adopts 4G technologies gives free calls to customers.

The continuance of such large tariff differentials between 4G operators and old operators causes more outgoing traffic from the free/low tariff operator to high-tariff operators. It leads to traffic imbalance in inter-operator off-net terminating calls as traffic is sensitive to tariff. TRAI had observed that the BAK regime will reduce imbalances in inter-operator off-net call traffic and thus could help in convergence to equilibrium position.

In view of the above we recommend that the TRAI should not entertain review of IUC policy rather it should implement bill and keep policy with zero paise as IUC charge from 1st January, 2020. Any alteration in previous decision will jeopardize the interests of the consumer and NDA government's vision of New India.

Thanking you

With regards

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