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"Review Interconnection Usage Charge (IUC) policy"

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To

The Chairman,
Telecom Regulatory Authority of India,
Mahanagar Doorsanchar Bhawan Next to Zakir Hussain College,
Jawaharlal Nehru Marg (Old [Minto Road](#))
[New Delhi: 110 002](#)

Sub: "Review Interconnection Usage Charge (IUC) policy"

Dear Sir,

As you may be aware that your esteemed organisation had sought stakeholder views on the need to "revise the applicable January 2020 date for implementing the BAK (bill and keep) or zero-termination charge regime.

Trai's review of the IUC issue comes less than two and half years after it had reduced the charge by 57 per cent to 6 paise a minute in October 2017, and notified its end from January 2020.

The decision, which Trai had said it may review after a year depending on adoption of new technologies and its impact on termination costs. Sadly, none of the old telecom operators have shifted to newer technologies till date. Majority of consumers are in 2G platforms. In this context, lenient policy decisions may not be taken to benefit the telecom players. Rather, the telecom operators should be told to introduce the newer technologies and migrate to newer technologies so that the proposed bill and keep regime with IUC as zero paise / minute is introduced from 1st January, 2020.

Thanking You

With Regards

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