

Information note to the Press (Press Release No. 195/2012)

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

TRAI decide to specify Access Facilitation Charges, Co-location Charges and other related charges for Submarine Cable Landing Stations.

New Delhi, 19th October, 2012- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today released Amendment to '**International Telecommunication Access to Essential Facilities at Cable Landing Stations Regulations, 2007**' and **Consultation Paper on 'Estimation of Access Facilitation Charges and Co-location Charges at Cable Landing Stations'** ..

2. Submarine Cables, a vital international telecommunication link between countries across the world, terminate in a country through cable landing stations. Access Facilitation Charges are the charges, which are payable by International Long Distance Operators/ Internet Service Providers to the owner of the cable landing station for leasing/ acquiring international bandwidth in a submarine cable.

3. TRAI had issued a consultation paper in March, 2012 for seeking comments on issues related to cost based access facilitation charges and collocation charges. Based on the comments received from the stakeholders, the Authority has decided to amend the regulations making suitable provisions for specifying Access Facilitation Charges, Co-location Charges and other related charges like Cancellation Charges and Restoration Charges. Simultaneously, TRAI is also issuing a consultation paper on 'Estimation of Access Facilitation Charges and Co-location Charges at Cable Landing Stations'.

4. Written comments of all the stake holders are invited on the issues raised in this consultation paper by 6th November, 2012. Counter comments, if any, may be sent by 14th November 2012. The comments/ counter comments may be sent, preferably in electronic form at fn@traai.gov.in or traai.ifn@gmail.com. For any clarification/ information, Shri Arvind kumar, Advisor (NSL-I), TRAI, may be contacted at Telephone No. +91-11-23220209, Fax No. +91-11-23230056.

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