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Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) issues 'The Reporting System on Accounting Separation (Amendment) Regulations, 2012'

New Delhi, 15 October 2012 – Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today issued "The Reporting System on Accounting Separation (Amendment) Regulations 2012" prescribing financial disincentives on telecom service providers for non-compliance of regulation 5 of the "The Reporting System on Accounting Separation Regulations 2012 (7 of 2012). In regulation 5, the Authority prescribes submission of audited Accounting Separation Reports by specified service providers within six months of the end of accounting year based on Historical Cost Accounting on yearly basis and on Replacement Cost Accounting every second year. In order to ensure timely submission of complete and correct reports under regulation 5 of The Reporting System on Accounting Separation Regulations, 2012, the Authority has prescribed financial disincentives on the service providers for contravention of this regulation.

2 In case of non-submission/delay in submission of prescribed reports, the service provider will be liable to pay as financial disincentive an amount not exceeding five lakh rupees and if default continues for more than fifteen days, an additional amount not exceeding fifty thousand rupees for every day after fifteen days during which the default continues. For every subsequent contravention, the service provider shall be liable to pay an amount as financial disincentive not exceeding ten lakh rupees and in case the default continues for more than fifteen days, an additional amount not exceeding one lakh rupees for every day after fifteen days during which the default continues.

3 If a service provider submits false information or omits to submit the required information in the reports, an amount not exceeding ten lakh rupees has been prescribed as financial disincentive.

4. "The Reporting System on Accounting Separation (Amendment) Regulations 2012" has already been placed on TRAI's website. For any clarifications, on the above said Regulations, contact Mrs. Anuradha Mitra, Pr. Advisor (F&EA), Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, Mahanagar Doorsanchar Bhawan, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, New Delhi-110002. (Tel No. 011- 23221856, Fax No. 011-23235249, email id: traifadiv@gmail.com, fa@traigov.in)

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