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Reference to review of IUC resolution, 2017

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To

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Communications & IT Department of Telecommunications, 20, Sanchar Bhawan, Ashoka Road New Delhi-110001

Respected Sir,

This is in reference to Interconnection Usage Charge Resolution, 2017.

I would like to bring to your kind notice that in Explanatory Memorandum (EM) to the IUC Regulations, 2017, the TRAI further noted "The TRAI shall keep a close watch on the developments in the sector particularly with respect to the adoption of new technologies and their impact on termination costs. The TRAI, if it deems necessary, may revisit the afore-mentioned scheme for termination charge applicable on wireless to wireless calls after one year from the date of implementation of the Regulations".

If we look at the present position in the market, almost all telecom operators failed to adopt new technologies as most the consumers are still in 2G and 3G networks. We reiterate that 2.5 years time-frame was enough period to switch to newer technologies. It is evident that the telecom operators are not ready to launch new technologies rather they intend to mint more money from theolder technologies.

In view of the above, we request you not to entertain the extortion-minded telecom operators by deferring the execution of bill and keep policy. Let bill and keep regime is introduced with zero paise as IUC fee from 1st January, 2020.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

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