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Interconnection Usage Charge Policy in Telecom Sector

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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

Dear Sir.

You will agree to our contention that maximization of consumer welfare (i.e. adequate choice, affordable tariff, and good quality of service) in a sustainable manner and adoption of more efficient technologies are vital for orderly growth of the telecommunication services sector in the country.

As evident in last couple of years, the telecom operators are not keen to transfer newer technologies to the consumers. During 2017 Interconnection Usage Charge notification, TRAI has suggested the older operators to upgrade networks so that the fruits of newer technologies are available for the consumers.

However, the telecom operators have not upgraded their technologies and mysteriously wanting to continue with old IUC regime where they can charge 6 paise / per minute from the consumers. We oppose the move of TRAI to call for a review of IUC policy. We recommend that the TRAI should implement BAK regime i.e. zero termination charge from 1.1.2020.

Thanking you Look forward to a favourable response.

With regards

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