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**Review Interconnection Usage Charge (IUC) policy**

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The Chairman,  
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Sub: "Review Interconnection Usage Charge (IUC) policy"

Dear Sir,

The incumbent telecom operators hold the maximum of the spectrum. However, they have deployed 4G BTS in half of their networks. As a consequence, almost two-thirds of their subscribers are on 2G/3G networks. Airtel has an estimated 37 per cent of subscribers on 4G while Vodafone-Idea has just 29 per cent migrated to 4G services. If BAK is not implemented operators will continue to deliver services through older technologies to subscribers which will not only keep them away from innovations but also result in increased costs due to inherent network rigidities.

Consumers expect the latest to be offered by way of implementation of newer technologies. Trends show that users have been overwhelmingly paying more for new and innovative services. In this spirit, it is important to dis-incentivise the continuation of provisioning of older technologies to consumers.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

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