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New Delhi.

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Sub: Interconnection Usage Charges Needs Revision

Dear Sir,

Interconnection Termination Charges are charges payable by the originating service provider to the terminating service provider. Since 2009 the termination charges is 20 paisa per minute, levied on the customer. It is now five years nothing has changed the same rate is continuing. In mean time TRAI has submitted an affidavit to the Supreme Court of India promising to reduce the termination charges but it has become untrue till now.

Actually what I feel reducing these charges are the tussle between the possibility of consumer benefit and another possibility of loss by the operator. TRAI is making effort to make a balance between the two stakeholders.

For the last few years several suggestions have been made to TRAI for adoption of Bill And Keep (BAK) regime. A large number of countries worldwide like Malta, UK, Denmark, Ireland and Netherland have already in the path to adopt the Bill And Keep regime. This regime will help to curve the levied on the customers. While adopting this regime there are lots of advantages as well. Few of these advantages are as follows:

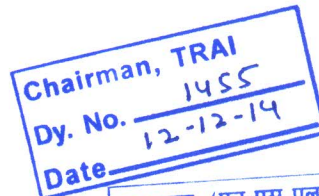
- (a) It will reduce the tariff charges
- (b) Healthy competition will increase among the operators for better service facilities
- (c) The operators will give emphasis on full utilization of resources
- (d) It will bring more transparency in tariff to the customers
- (e) The lower rate of tariff will attract more usage by the customers
- (f) Innovative new technologies will be adopted by the operators
- (g) The growing and universal trend towards IP based network further makes the existing interconnection regime irrelevant.

If anybody will go through the above advantages, then who is going to oppose the BAK regime ? Without consuming much time the TRAI must come with the proposal to adopt the BAK regime put the entire telecom industry on much development oriented terrain.

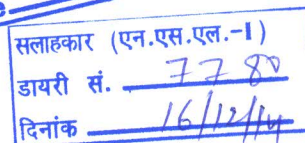
So, I strongly recommend adopting the BAK regime.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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