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Review Interconnection Usage Charge (IUC) policy

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To

The Chairman,
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[New Delhi: 110 002](#)

Sub: "Review Interconnection Usage Charge (IUC) policy"

Dear Sir,

As you may be aware of the fact that the incumbent telecom operators hold the maximum of the spectrum while they have deployed 4G BTS in half of their networks.

You are also aware that 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.

In this background, we would like to tell that if BAK is not implemented operators will continue to deliver services through older technologies to consumers which will not only keep them away from innovations but also result in increased costs due to inherent network rigidities. Thus, the IUC regime is outdated and not appropriate at this point of time.

As you know, India is already lagging on the 5G movement globally. Worldwide, in major telecom markets, 5G is either in trials or nearing commercial launch. One of the important technical requisites of 5G is an all IP network. Without BAK implementation, operators will not get the required impetus for moving towards an all IP network which will prepare them for quicker 5G rollouts.

We humbly submit that the government should replace IUC regime with BAK regime and introduce the new regime from 1st January, 2020. The continuation of provisioning of older technologies to consumers is harmful for the growth of the country.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

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