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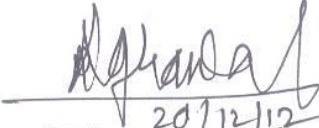
TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIA

TRAI issues Consultation Paper on “Issues related to amendments to the Interconnection Regulations applicable for Digital Addressable Cable TV Systems & Tariff Order applicable for Addressable Systems”

New Delhi, 20th Dec, 2012:- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today released a consultation paper on issues related to amendments to the Interconnection Regulations applicable for Digital Addressable Cable TV Systems & to the Tariff Order applicable for Addressable Systems.

2. TRAI had issued the Interconnection Regulations and Tariff Order for Digital Addressable Systems. This consultation process has been initiated in view of the Hon'ble TDSAT judgment dated 19th Oct 2012, representations from industry stakeholders and internal review within the Authority. The key issues covered in this consultation paper pertain to i) Minimum channel carrying capacity of Multi-System Operators (MSOs) ii) Regulation of placement fee iii) Modification of the twin conditions to prevent perverse pricing at retail iv) Minimum prescription period of channels v) Option to subscriber regarding choice of channel(s)/ bouquet(s) and vi) Manner of offerings of Bouquet(s) of channels which require special Set Top Boxes (STBs). Full text of the consultation paper is available on TRAI website www.traigov.in .
3. Written comments on the consultation paper are invited from the stakeholders by 11th January, 2013. The time of three weeks has been given keeping in view the ensuing end of the year holidays and no further extension will be granted. The comments may be sent, preferably in electronic form to Mr. Wasi Ahmad, Advisor (B&CS) on the e-mail address

advbcs@traf.gov.in/ traicable@yahoo.co.in. The comments can also be faxed to 011-23220442. Comments will be posted on the TRAI's website.


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