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**Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
issues Amendment to Telecommunication Tariff Order, 1999.**

New Delhi, 1st October, 2012 – TRAI has today issued the Telecommunication Tariff (Fifty Third Amendment) Order (TTO), which reviews Processing Fee on Talktime Top-ups and tariff for Premium Rate Services.

Currently, the ceiling on Processing Fee is Rs.3/- in respect of top-up denominations of Rs.20/- and above and Rs.2/- for top-up denominations below Rs.20/-. The Authority has undertaken a review through a consultation process and has decided to rationalize the structure of the Processing Fee, in order to provide relief to prepaid subscribers recharging with lower denomination top-up vouchers. The 53rd Amendment to the TTO has mandated that the Processing Fee levied on top-up vouchers shall not exceed 10% of Maximum Retail Price or three rupees whichever is less.

The TTO 51st Amendment had specified ceiling tariff for calls made and SMS sent to participate in contests and competitions and voting. Keeping in view the difficulties in implementing the ceiling tariff and feedback received during the consultation process, the Authority has decided to keep the tariff for such services under forbearance. The TTO 53rd Amendment, inter alia, gives effect to the above decision of the Authority.

The Telecommunication Tariff (Fifty Third Amendment) Order has already been placed on TRAI's website www.trai.gov.in. For any clarifications on the above said Order, contact Shri Raj Pal, Advisor (Financial and Economic Analysis), Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, Mahanagar Doorsanchar Bhawan, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, New Delhi – 110002 (Tel No.011-23230752, Fax No.011-23236650; Email: raj.pal@nic.in; or eco@traigov.in).

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