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Sub. : Comments on Draft "The Register of Interconnect Agreements (Broadcasting & Cable Services) Regulations, 2016"

Dear Sir,

We take this opportunity to thank this Hon'ble Authority for issuing the consultation on Draft "The Register of Interconnect Agreements (Broadcasting & Cable Services) Regulations, 2016"

In response to Consultation papers, we humbly state that the extant Register of Interconnect Agreements regulation, as amended, serves the purpose of achieving the objects of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act as it enables the Hon'ble Authority to have access to details of all the interconnection agreements entered into by the stakeholders. In the event the Hon'ble Authority is of the opinion that the agreements are not in line with the regulations, this Hon'ble Authority has powers to direct the stakeholders to comply with the applicable Regulations.

We further would like to suggest that the existing practice of annual filings may be continued with an exception that stakeholders may not be mandated to file copies of the agreements executed. This Hon'ble Authority may also do away with the filing of hard copies of the report and may accept filings in electronic form. This Hon'ble Authority can always call for copies of the agreements entered into by stake holders, if need be.

With regard to views on the furnishing of authenticated documents, we suggest that the Distribution Head who has complete control over the Distribution function continue to remain as authorized officers for filing of the annual returns.

We also humbly request the Hon'ble Authority to maintain the commercial information as confidential and continue to maintain the confidentiality requirement, as suggested earlier, this Hon'ble Authority has enormous powers in directing stake holders to comply with any requirements as mandated under the Regulations.

If this Hon'ble Authority requires any further clarifications in this regard, we shall be glad to assist.

Thanking you,

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