LOCAL LOOP SECTOR ENQUIRY

QUESTIONS ADDRESSED TO INCUMBENT OPERATORS
(other operators are also invited to comment 1 before 31.10.2000)

INTRODUCTION

Please provide the name, postal address, telephone, fax and email address of the person in your undertaking that you consider best placed to answer further clarifications by the Commission with respect to the present enquiry.

PROVISION OF FULL UNBUNDLED ACCESS 2 TO THE LOCAL LOOP

1. [NB : question to be answered by operators not yet providing full unbundling]
   Please indicate:
   a./ whether your company has investigated access to full unbundled local loop elements in its network (required equipment, availability of space for co-location of equipment, provision of operational support etc.) and, if so, provide a copy of the findings.
   b./ whether your company has at present any indications on connection, line rental and various services tariffs to be offered.
   If no such investigation was done, indicate:
   c./ whether it is already envisaged.
   d./ whether you have any detailed calendar for such preparatory work and specify the different steps to be undertaken;
   e./ when you consider that competitors will be able to i) order and ii) obtain effective access (including collocation) to the local loop of your company. Specify the number of MDF sites at which access will be available, in case access will not be made available at the same time for all MDF's;
   f./ provide a rough estimate of the cost involved with making such access available and mention how your company envisages to recover it.

2 Please indicate:
   a./ whether your company has already received any request from any

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Antitrust Greffe
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B - 1000 Bruxelles/Brussel
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In all your correspondence, please specify "local loop sector enquiry", case 37.640.

company for full unbundled access to its local loop and if so how many;
b./ if so, the reply(ies) given to the applicant(s), and the span of time between
the receipt of the requests and the replies;
c./ in case of negative reply from your side, please indicate the precise reasons
of your refusal and provide a copy of the relevant correspondence.

In case of positive reply, please indicate:
d./ the total number of unbundled lines;
e./ tariffs applicable for the connection, line rental and any other services and
how they have been calculated;
f./ please submit a copy of your offer(s) and any relevant (standard) contracts.

ROLL-OUT OF XDSL SERVICES

3. Please indicate:
a/ when your company including any of its subsidiaries has launched its ADSL
service commercially (even on a trial basis) and how many subscribers
(residential and business) of this service were registered at the date of receipt
of this letter.
b/ the number of new customers for such services during each of the calendar-
months elapsed since then, and the present total number.
c./ the number of exchanges equipped with ADSL facilities;
d./ the number of lines connected to these exchanges.
e./ which percentage of your customer base is serviced from these exchanges.
f./ which other retail xDSL service is currently commercially offered by your
company.
g./ specify for each of these services the number of retail customers served,
and the number of exchanges for which they are available;
h/ plans to introduce such services in the coming months;
i./ please provide us with a copy of your standard retail ADSL - xDSL
offer(s);
j./ please indicate whether the ADSL – xDSL services provided by your
company are available to any of its own subsidiaries on a wholesale basis and
if the same wholesale offering is also available to other competitors or IPS’s.
If so, please indicate the number of agreements made and provide a copy of
your standard terms and conditions to them, including your own subsidiaries,
with relevant discount volumes (if terms are not standard, please provide a
copy of each of them including your own subsidiaries).
If xDSL bit stream services on the local loop are not currently provided,
please indicate whether your company has been requested to provide them
either by end-users and/or competitors, and if it has investigated or is planning
to provide them.

FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE PROVISION OF YOUR COMPANY’S XDSL SERVICES

4. Please specify:
a./ the financial conditions (including connection and monthly subscription
fees) applicable to each of your xDSL wholesale and/or retail services as well
as the service provided;
b/ the costs attributed to each service;
c./ which cost accounting methodology was used to set each of these tariffs.
d./ in particular which part of the tariff covers the return on investment for the usage of the local loop;

e./ which part covers the provision of the xDSL service;

f./ which part, if any, contributes to a network upgrade;

g/ if applicable, the retail minus discount available to wholesale xDSL offerings, and its cost justification.

5. Please indicate:
   a./ whether any of the above fees are subject to prior regulatory authorisation in your country.
   b./ if this is the case, whether the fees were approved;
   c./ if so, whether they were approved according to the initial request or only with modifications.
   d./ in case of a pending authorisation procedure, please indicate the fees for which approval has been requested by your company for each of the categories mentioned in questions 2, 3 and 4.

6. Please indicate:
   a./ whether your company has already received any request for shared use of its local loop;
   b./ if so, how many.
   In case of request(s):
   c./ your reply to this (these) request(s),
   d./ the span of time between the receipt of the request(s) and the reply(ies).
   e./ In case of negative reply from your side, please indicate the precise reasons of your refusal and provide us with a copy of the relevant correspondence;
   f./ in case of positive reply, please indicate:
   g./ tariffs applicable for the various components of the shared access service (connection, line rental, maintenance operations), and how they have been calculated;
   h./ please submit a copy of your offer(s) and of any relevant (standard) contracts.

7. If there were no requests:
   a./ indicate whether your company including any of its own subsidiaries has investigated the implementation of shared use of the subscriber line in its network (required equipment, availability of room for co-location of equipment etc.) and, if so, provide a copy of the findings.
   b./ if no such investigation was done, specify whether it is envisaged. Indicate a detailed calendar and specify the different steps to be undertaken.

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2 Same as footnote 1