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I. SUBSCRIBER FIGURES – JULY 2012

- ❖ **Total Telephone Subscriber Base reaches 965.52 Million**
- ❖ **Wireless Subscription reaches 934.09 Million**
- ❖ **Wireless Tele-density reaches 76.99**
- ❖ **Broadband subscriber number reaches 14.50 million**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 79.58%**

Sourec: TRAI

II. TRAI DIRECTIONS / NOTIFICATION / CONSULTATION PAPER/ LETTERS

- A. On 31st August 2012, TRAI vide letter no. 302-15/2011-QoS, reminded the Industry Associations & TSPs to implement TRAI direction on issues arising out of the audit of the metering and billing system of service providers to configure service area wise master table for new number series allotted to them within 30 days.
- B. ON 27TH August 2012, TRAI has issued Draft amendment to the standards of Quality of Service prescribing financial dis-incentives on the service providers amounting to Rs. 50,000/- per parameter for the first non-compliance and Rs. 1,00,000/- per parameter for subsequent non-compliance of the benchmarks.

TRAI sought stakeholders comments on the above by 11th September 2012.
- C. On 22nd August 2012, TRAI has published on their website, Guidelines on Accounting Separation Regulation.
- D. On 9th August 2012, TRAI has issued a draft amendment to the Telecommunication Tariff Order (TTO), 1999 seeking comments of the stakeholders to prescribe financial disincentives on the service providers in the following situations:-



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- i. **Violation of Reporting Requirement** - 'financial disincentive' of Rs. 5,000/- per day (maximum Rs. 2 Lakhs). This for non-compliance of reporting requirement of the existing regulation.
 - ii. **Levy of Excess Charges** - Refund order as decided by TRAI for refunding excess charges levied by Service Providers. Penalty of an amount not exceeding the amount collected from the subscribers.
- E. On 3rd August 2012, TRAI has released a Consultation Paper on "Review of Processing Fee on Talk time Top-Up vouchers and Charges for Premium Rate Services".
- i. Mandating a tiered structure of levying processing fee.
 - ii. Mandating processing fee ad valorem at ten per cent of MRP with a ceiling of rupees three.
 - iii. Mandating that there should not be any processing fee at all.
 - iv. Mandating a ceiling of Rs.3/- for calls (per minute) and per SMS made for the above purposes.
 - v. Doing away with the tariff ceiling for such calls and SMSs.
- F. On 3rd August 2012, TRAI has released a Consultation Paper on "Review of the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulation". TRAI sought comments of Stakeholders on measures taken for curbing unsolicited commercial communications.

TRAI further sought comments of Stakeholders on the draft "The Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference (Tenth Amendment) Regulations, 2012"

- G. On 3rd August 2012, TRAI has released a draft regulation on "Telecommunications Mobile Number Portability (Fourth Amendment)

Regulations 2012". TRAI sought comments from Stakeholder on proposed penalty provision of Rs 10,000/ and Rs 5,000/- on donor for rejecting of porting request for contravention on different conditions.

III. TRAI MEETINGS

- A. TRAI Meeting to discuss issue of Combo Vouchers was held on 17th August 2012 under the chairmanship of Shri. N Parameshwaran in TRAI.
- B. In response to the joint industry letter of 16th July 2012 regarding submission of monthly subscriber base, TRAI convened a meeting on 8th August 2012 in TRAI to discuss the issue of submission of monthly data in HLR VLR format..

IV. DOT LETTERS

- A. On 28th August 2012, DOT vide letter No.10-30/2009/AS.III/ICR/122/267 which is in continuation of earlier letters of 20th April 2010 and 30th May 2012 requesting Service Providers that arrangements entered on all intra circle roaming should be submitted to TERM cell as a consolidated list within 30 days of issue of this letter i.e. by 29th Sept 2012.

DOT further requested that half yearly updated details regarding this intra circle roaming arrangements has also to be provided to all designated security agencies and respective TERM Cells on 1st April and 1st October of every year.

- B. On 28th August 2012, DOT vide letter No. 32-10/2012-EW intimated the Industry Associations that TEC has revised the "Test Procedure for measurement of Electro Magnet Field from Base Transceiver stations" in pursuance of revised reference levels / limits issued by DOT dated 30.12.2011 & 10.04.2012.

The test procedure documents which provides procedure for the self certification by Telecom Service Providers and Compliance Audit is uploaded on the TEC website.

C. On 27th August 2012, DOT has placed on their website Information Memorandum regarding Auction of 2G spectrum. The Auction Time Table is as follows:-

Auctions timetable	
Subject	Date
Queries on IM Pre-bid conference	By 5th September, 2012 6 th September, 2012 @ 1400 Hrs. in Hotel Royal Plaza
Further queries	By 7th September, 2012
Issue of Notice Inviting Applications	28th September, 2012
Last date for submission of Applications	19th October, 2012
Publication of ownership details of Applicants	21st October, 2012
Bidder Ownership Compliance Certificate	24th October, 2012
Pre-qualification of Bidders	28th October, 2012
Final List of bidders	6th November, 2012
Mock Auction	7th - 8th November, 2012
Start of the e-auction of 1800MHz Band	12th November, 2012
Start of the e-auction of 800MHz Band	2 days from the day of close of the e-auction of 1800MHz Band
Payment of the Successful Bid Amount	Within 10 calendar days of the close of the respective e-auctions

D. On 22nd August 2012, DOT vide email sought comments from Stakeholders on the following revised criteria of MSC codes:-

Numbers Allocated (N)	VLR Figure (V) as %age of Number Allocated (V/N)
Less than 3 Million	Subject to minimum of 40%
3 Million & less than 6 Million	Subject to minimum of 45%
6 Million & less than 8 Million	Subject to minimum of 50%
8 Million	Subject to minimum of 55%
9 Million	Subject to minimum of 60%
10 Million & less than 15 Million	Subject to minimum of 63%

15 Million & Less than 20 Million	Subject to minimum of 66%
20 Million & Less than 25 Million	Subject to minimum of 68%
25 Million & More	Subject to minimum of 70%

E. On 9th August 2012, DOT letter vide No.800-09/2010-VAS has issued instructions on verification of new mobile subscribers. Instructions contained in this circular of DOT is in supersession of its earlier instructions dated 26.4.2004, 30.11.2004, 10.05.2005, 22.11.2006, 23.03.2009 & 08.02.2010 and will be effective from 9th November 2012

V. DOT MEETINGS

- A. Conference committee Meeting of India Telecom 2012 was held on 28th August 2012 under the Chairmanship of JS (T) in Sanchar Bhawan.
- B. First Meeting of DOT Committee on "Building IPv6 Talent Pool through Training: Development of Standardized IPv6 Training certified Courses" was held on 22nd August 2012 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- C. First meeting of Expert Group for evolving methodology for collection of Statistics on ICT sector was held on 1st August 2012 in Sardar Patel Bhawan.

VI. AUSPI LETTERS

- A. On 31st August 2012, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI's Draft Regulations on "The Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference (Tenth Amendment) Regulations, 2012".
- B. On 31st August 2012, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI Consultation Paper on "Review of the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations, 2010".
- C. On 31st August 2012, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI's Draft Regulations on "Telecommunications Mobile Number



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Portability (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 2009”.

- D. On 31st August 2012, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI's Draft Regulations on "Standards of Quality of Service for Mobile Data Services Regulations 2012".
- E. On 31st August 2012, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI on 52nd Amendment to Telecommunication Tariff Order (TTO 1999).
- F. On 31st August 2012, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI Consultation Paper on "Review of Processing Fee on Talk time Top-Up vouchers and Charges for Premium Rate Services".
- G. On 28th August 2012, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT in Response to COAI's representation dated 14th August, 2012 on the issue of dual technology.
- H. On 23rd August 2012, AUSPI submitted a letter to Wireless Advisor, WPC in connection with Allocation of microwave access and microwave backbone carrier to AUSPI member service providers.
- I. On 22nd August 2012, AUSPI submitted its response to DoT 's draft Booklet on Radio Waves and Safety Guide handed over by Advisor (T), during the Joint Industry meeting held on 17th August 2012.
- J. On 21st August 2012, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT in connection with DoT instructions for blocking of bulk SMS / MMS.
- K. On 20th August 2012, AUSPI submitted a reminder letter to Member (T), DOT in connection with 3G roll out obligations - Non availability of test procedure and Rural SDCA list.
- L. On 20th August 2012, AUSPI submitted a reminder letter to Secretary (T), DOT in connection with pending approvals for Wireless Operating License for GSM, 3G, CDMA and NLD at WPC.

AUSPI requested the personal intervention of Secretary (T) to expedite the issue of Wireless Operating Licenses from WPC immediately and it is also requested that till applications are cleared, TERM cells and WMOs may be advised not to insist operating licenses for processing applications for interferences.

- M. On 13th August 2012, AUSPI submitted a letter to CMD, BSNL requesting withdrawal of the BSNL Circular No 2-2/2009- R&C (CFA) (Circular R&C- CFA No. 11/11-12) dated 12.06.2012 revising Active Infrastructure charges retrospectively from 01-04-2009 based on revised classification of cities

VII. JOINT INDUSTRY LETTERS

- A. On 31st August 2012, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to CMD, BSNL in connection with Revision of Active Infrastructure sharing charges by BSNL retrospectively w.e.f. 01-04-2009.
- B. On 23rd August 2012, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to Chairman, TRAI in connection with Publication of the tariff plans in the newspapers.
- C. On 17th August 2012, a Joint Industry submission was made to TEC on "Test Procedure Measurement of Electro Magnetic Fields from Base Station Antenna".
- D. On 16th August 2012, Joint Industry inputs were submitted to DOT on Report of the Departmental Committee on BTS towers Recommendations.
- E. On 14th August 2012, Joint Industry letters were submitted to The Commissioner, MCD-South, The Commissioner MCD-North & The Commissioner, MCD-East in connection with an article in the Hindustan Times News Paper which reports that Civic Authorities in Delhi have decided to take action against alleged illegal mobile phone towers and that the East Delhi Municipal Corporation has already given directions to seal about 250 towers that fall under their jurisdiction will lead the drive which will start after August 15,2012.



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F. On 9th August 2012, a joint industry letter was submitted to TRAI w.r.t. implementation of Green Technologies. Industry Associations (AUSPI, COAI & TAIPA) Requested TRAI to put its instructions of July 17, 2012, requiring Service Providers to declare their carbon footprint under abeyance till the ambiguity regarding the formula and procedure for declaring the carbon footprint is resolved. This was follow up of the Joint Industry letter submitted to Secretary (T), DOT on 31st July 2012.

VIII. OTHER IMPORTANT LETTERS

A. On 16th August 2012, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance circulated a draft Report on "Roadmap for Facilitating Mobile Financial Services in India".

IX. MEETINGS

A. AUSPI MEETINGS

- i. AUSPI meeting was held on 29th August to discuss certain important issues.
- ii. 123rd AUSPI Executive Council meeting was held on 6th August 2012 in AUSPI office.

B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING / ACT MEETING

- I) On 17th a Joint Industry meeting was held with DOT officials on EMF & tower issues. The following major items were discussed and agreed to:-
 - a. DoT acknowledged the various problems highlighted in our presentation as real and requiring attention
 - b. DoT agreed that they would instruct all TERM cells to apply consistent procedures and measures regarding EMF compliance
 - c. DoT acknowledged the activity of certain vested interests in unnecessarily raising concern in the population

d. Industry agreed to "voluntarily" abide by the new exposure limits set by DoT, although set arbitrarily and without any scientific support. It expressed concern that these limits could again be reset arbitrarily. DoT Secretary assured the industry that there would not be any more adjustments until the DST completed its study and these were reduced to new norms, if any. The DoT Secretary also indicated there would not be any punitive measures imposed on the industry while the industry adjusted to the new norms.

e. The industry represented that we would be compliant with the new requirements for 95% of the network by Sept. 1, 2012. DoT and operators would identify non-compliant cell towers as soon as possible and work towards resolution of the problems at these sites.

f. All cell towers would be self-certified under the new norms by March 31, 2013.

g. DoT agreed to include the various government departments such as Health and Environment in the formulation of any guidelines relating to EMF for cell towers.

h. DoT agreed to the various suggestions and recommendations for joint action on various activities to provide confidence to citizens on the safety of cell towers.

i. A new booklet on EMF and Health, titled "Radio Waves and Safety Guide", is in the process of being produced by the DoT and the industry was invited to provide their inputs.

j. DoT would make a decision shortly whether they would do joint advertisements with industry or do them separately.

k. DoT agreed that they would create a web site to list all cell sites tested by the TERM cells and showing compliance.



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II) A Joint Industry meeting to discuss TRAI Draft Amendment to the Mobile Number Portability (MNP) Regulations 2009, Consultation Paper on the Review of Processing Fee on the Talk time Top-up vouchers and Charges for Premium Rate Services, Consultation Paper on "The Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations, 2010, Draft regulation - "The Standards of Quality of Service for Mobile Data Services Regulations, 2012" etc was held on 14th August 2012 in COAI office.

III) A Joint Industry Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Sub-Group on EMF Advocacy was held on 7th August 2012 at COAI.

C. OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS

I) 5th TCOE Coordinators' Meeting was held on 29th August 2012 in C-DOT campus.

II) C-DOT Foundation Day Seminar/Workshop on Next Generation Services Networks and Optical Networks was held on 29th August 2012 in C-DOT campus.

III) FICCI Organizing Committee Meeting of International Conference on Internet and Broadband was held on 29th August 2012.

IV) ET Telecom Awards 2012 was held on 29th August 2012 in Hotel Taj Palce.

V) FICCI Organizing Committee Meeting of International Conference on Internet and Broadband was held on 17th August 2012.

VI) First Meeting of CII ASCON 2012 was held on 16th August 2012.

VII) TDSAT seminar on "Regulatory Framework and Dispute Resolution in Telecom, Broadcasting and Cable Services Sectors" was held on 11th August 2012 in Patna.

VIII) FICCI's Communication and Digital Economy Committee meeting to finalize views to DOT on Unified Licensing was held on 3rd August in Federation House, FICCI.

IX) First Meeting of the CII Sub-Committee on Telecom Infrastructure was held on 1st August 2012 in CII office.

X. UPCOMING EVENTS

I) **6th September 2012:** Pre bid conference for Auction of Spectrum in 1800MHz and 800 MHz band in Veneterian Conference Hall, Hotel Royal Plaza.

II) **6th September 2012:** Curtain Raiser Ceremony of India Telecom 2012 in Hotel Shangri-La.

III) **6th September 2012:** 4th Meeting of DOT Committee for Formulation of National IPv6 Deployment in Sanchar Bhawan.

IV) **10th September 2012:** CII's Special Session with Hon'ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee in Hotel Taj Palace.

V) **11th September 2012:** 124th Executive Council Meeting of AUSPI.

VI) **11th September 2012:** DCC meeting of 'N' Division in TEC.

VII) **13th September 2012:** ASSOCHAM's 2nd National Conference on e-Commerce in Hotel Leela Palace.

VIII) **13th September 2012:** First Meeting of Development Organization of Standards for Telecom in India in India Habitat Centre.

IX) **28th September 2012:** 92nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ASSOCHAM in ASSOCHAM House, New Delhi.

X) **28th September 2012:** DOT-CII Broadband Summit 2012 "Broadband Ecosystem for Inclusive Growth" in Hotel Le-Meridien.

XI. TELECOM BYTES

✂ Anger management tools are varied and everyone's way of venting their rage differs. *If you have had a horrible day, you can simply dial a number and swear your guts out.* Two businessmen in Germany have come up with the idea of ' Schimpf- los ; or " Swear away", a pay-per minute hotline that is run by operators fully prepared to deal with as much profanity as an angry person is capable of. The founders believe they are providing a kind of social service by providing angry people an opportunity to direct their anger away from loved ones.

Source: Mail Today

✂ **RTI query status to be sent via SMS**

Office of deputy commissioner, Kamrup (metro), Guwahati has taken a step to send the status of the queries of RTI applicants through SMSes. The people of the city no longer have to make rounds of the DC's office to know the status of their queries.

Immediately after the application is accepted, an SMS is sent to the respective person confirming the acceptance. A text message is again sent to the applicant after his/her queries are forwarded to the concerned department. If the RTI application gets rejected, they get another SMS.

Source: Times of India

✂ **Committee for Internet Related Policies (CIRP)**

Ministry of External Affairs, the Government of India made a proposal to UN General Assembly for a Committee for Internet Related Policies (CIRP) with the endorsement of the Department of Information Technology. It is visualised as a 50-member intergovernmental body (politicians and bureaucrats) supported and funded by the UN(the biggest intergovernmental bureaucracy). Its ambit includes overseeing all the commercial and technical functions of the Internet and writing treaties and conventions to regulate the way the Internet operates and is used by over 2 billion Netizens across the world

Source: Mail Today

✂ **Funny Quotes on Telecom**

"This 'telephone" has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communications. The device is inherently of no value to us"

- Western Union Internal Memo 1876

"I will remember my disgust when someone told me it was possible to send conversations along a wire"

- Enos N Barton, Co-founder, Western Electric Co.

"Well informed people know it is impossible to transmit the voice over wires. Even if it were, it would be of no practical value"

- Boston Post 1865

Revenue Parameters	GSM	CDMA
Rental Revenue	20%	22.50%
Revenue from calls	51%	41.50%
Revenue from SMS	7%	2%
Revenue from Roaming	9%	3%
VAS Revenue etc	13%	31%
Monthly ARPU	Rs. 97	Rs.75
Outgoing MoU	167 Min	117 Min
Incoming MoU	197 Min	112 Min

Source: TRAI



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