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Extension of last date for receiving comments on the Draft Tariff Order, Draft Interconnection Regulations and Draft Standard of Quality of Service and Consumer Protection Regulations.

New Delhi, the 24th October 2016: In order to holistically review the existing regulatory framework for TV broadcasting services delivered through addressable systems, TRAI issued a Consultation Paper on "Tariff Issues related to TV Services" on 29th January 2016 seeking comments from the stakeholders by 4th March 2016 and counter-comments, if any, by 18th March 2016. TRAI had also issued a Consultation Paper on "Interconnection framework for Broadcasting TV Services distributed through Addressable Systems" on 04th May 2016 inviting comments from the stakeholders by 3rd June 2016 and counter comments, if any, by 17th June 2016. Subsequently, a Consultation Paper on "Issues related to Quality of Services in Digital Addressable Systems and Consumer Protection for TV Broadcasting Services", was issued on 18th May 2016 inviting written comments from the stakeholders by 17th June 2016 and counter-comments, if any, by 1st July 2016. Based on requests from stakeholders, the last dates for receiving comments / counter comments on the above mentioned three consultation papers were also extended.


2. In order to further discuss with the stakeholders, the issues involved in the said consultation papers, Open House Discussions (OHDs) were also conducted on all the three consultation papers.


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3. After considering the views expressed by the stakeholders during the consultation process and internal analysis of TRAI, a draft regulatory framework has been finalized. In order to further provide an opportunity to stakeholders to offer their comments on the proposed regulatory framework, the Authority issued the Draft "Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable Services (Eighth) (Addressable Systems) Tariff Order, 2016 and the Draft "The Standards of Quality of Service and Consumer Protection (Digital Addressable Systems) Regulations, 2016 on **10th October 2016** inviting written comments from the stakeholders by **24th October 2016** & **25th October 2016** respectively. Later on, TRAI had also issued the Draft Interconnection Regulation for TV Broadcasting Services provided through Addressable Systems on **14th October 2016** inviting written comments from the stakeholders by **28th October 2016**.

4. Primarily the objective to upload the above mentioned three drafts is to give an opportunity to the stakeholders to offer their comments, if any, on the proposed regulatory tariff framework for maintaining completeness and consistency of the framework provided in the draft Tariff Order, draft Interconnection Regulation and draft Standard of Quality of Service and Consumer Protection Regulation.

5. Now, Authority has considered the request from the stakeholders and the last date for receipt of written comments from the stakeholders on the above mentioned three drafts has been extended up to 15/11/2016. No requests for any further extension of time for submission of comments shall be entertained.


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