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**THE IFT PLENARY OF APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR INTERCONNECTION APPLICATIONS**

- **A software tool will be implemented through which concessionaires processed together requests for interconnection agreements of their networks, modifications or requests to agree new terms for interconnection.**
- **Authorized 34 applications for transfer of shares of capital stock of sound broadcasting stations operating in different localities.**

In extraordinary session, the Federal Institute of Telecommunications (*Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones*, IFT) Plenary agreed to establish the electronic system for interconnection applications through which concessionaires will process together their subscriptions for interconnection agreements, modifications or requests to agree new interconnection conditions, more agile and remotely, in accordance with the provisions of Article 129 of the Federal Law on Telecommunications and Broadcasting.

This software tool, will be available on the website of the Institute and is established both for concessionaires who operate public telecommunications networks interested in interconnect with other networks by signing the relevant agreement, and for those concessionaires whose networks are interconnected and at the conclusion of the term of their agreements, require new conditions for interconnection with its partners, or, for those cases where a concessionaire has offered better terms to a third party, or those resulting from legal provisions.

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As reported promptly, was available to interest a trial version of the electronic system for interconnection applications, while the draft of the Agreement was subject to public consultation for a period of 20 working days, so from October 9th to November 6th, 2014, opinions and comments that enriched the document were received.

Thus, the IFT Plenary approved an amendment to the project, the result of the contributions received from citizen participation, namely that interconnection requests may be processed by concessionaire groups, in a consolidated basis, in order to simplify applications in process.

The electronic system will be available on the website of the Institute 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is mandatory for all concessionaires operating public telecommunications networks.

Only concessionaires involved in each application can display information concerning the negotiation: proposals and counterproposals, dates of submission thereof, the counting of days from the request, the dates corresponding to the 30-working days and 60 calendar days laid down in Articles 130 and 129 of the Law, respectively, and documents that concessionaires have entered into the system.

The Electronic System for Interconnection Applications begin operations within 20 working days from the entry into force of the Agreement approved today and will be available on the following website: <http://www.ift.org.mx/interconexion>

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On the other hand, the Plenary approved 34 applications for authorization to the transfer of shares of capital stock of various concessionaires sound broadcasting stations operating in different localities.

The Federal Institute of Telecommunications (IFT) is the autonomous body entrusted with the regulation, promotion and supervision of the efficient performance of broadcasting and telecommunications sectors in Mexico, and also exercises, in exclusive manner, the authorities in matters of economic competition of such sectors pursuant to the Decree whereby several provisions of Articles 6, 7, 27, 28, 94 and 105 of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States are amended and supplemented in telecommunications matters, published in the Federal Official Gazette on June 11th of 2013.

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