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THE PLENARY OF IFT APPROVES OF SUBMITTING TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION THE DRAFT ON CONDITIONS FOR EFFECTIVE DISAGGREGATION OF THE PREPONDERANT ECONOMIC AGENT LOCAL NETWORK

- It will be available for a period of 30 working days from the day of its publication in the website of the Institute
- It was agreed also to submit for public consultation the General Guidelines Draft for access to multiprogramming
- The Plenary approved the issue of the Technical Arrangement IFT-004-2014: Interface to public networks for terminal equipment and the Technical Arrangement IFT-005-2014: digital public networks interface (digital interface at 2048 Kbit/s).

In extraordinary session, the Plenary of the Federal Telecommunications Institute (*Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones*, IFT) agreed to submit to public consultation the Technical and operational conditions draft for effective unbundling of the Preponderant Economic Agent (PEA) local network.

This exercise in transparency and citizen participation will be available within 30 working days from the day of its publication in the IFT website.

The purpose of the consultation is to receive comments and views of all the interested in the subject, to incorporate the contributions that are deemed appropriate to this draft, which stems from the work carried out in various sessions of the Technical Committee on Effective Unbundling of the Local Network, held between the PEA and various concessionaires of public telecommunications networks.

The Draft contains provisions that apply to the PEA regarding the technical and operational conditions for carrying out effective unbundling of the local network, allowing to promote access to the physical, technical and logical connection means between any endpoint of the public telecommunications network and the access point to the local network belonging to PEA in the telecommunications sector.

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The provision of disaggregation allows the use of existing infrastructure of PEA, facilitates the provision of services by other concessionaires which, under other conditions, would not be profitable, encouraging the consolidation of the competition and allowing consumers access to more and better services at lower prices.

Moreover, the Plenary agreed to submit for public consultation the General guidelines for access to multiprogramming draft.

The Federal Telecommunications and Broadcasting Law, determines that the IFT should grant authorizations for access to multiprogramming to the concessionaires who request it, according to principles of competition and quality, and for which establishes a period of 180 calendar days from the entry into force of the Law for the Institute to issue the guidelines under which such authorizations will be held.

In this sense, the draft raises the requirements for authorization of access to multiprogramming, access to programming channels by third parties, access to programming channels by broadcasting concessionaires with regional or national concentration of frequencies, the application of the Guidelines in case of broadcasting licensees that already have permission to multiprogramming and verification, monitoring and sanctions.

The consultation will be available for 10 business days from the publication of the draft on the Web site of the Institute.

Also, the Plenary of the Institute approved the Technical layout IFT-004-2014: Interface to public networks for terminal devices and the Technical Arrangement IFT-005-2014: digital interface to public networks (digital interface to 2048 Kbit/s).

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Both Technical Provisions replace the Mexican Official Standards NOM-151-SCT1-1999 and NOM-152-SCT1-1999 that will lose force on January 19, 2015.

The NOM-151-SCT1-1999 is to establish the mechanical and electrical conditions and test methods, of the minimum technical parameters needed to be met by the terminal equipment to connect or interconnect via a wired access to a public telecommunications network in the country. For its part, the NOM-152-SCT1-1999 establishes the minimum specifications to be met by digital interface to 2048 Kbit/s, to be used for the interconnection between telecommunications operating companies.

With the issuance of these Provisions certainty and continuity is given to replace all the terms the scope arranged, during its term, the NOM-151-SCT1-1999 and NOM-152-SCT1-1999, maintaining substantive content unchanged of the referenced NOMs.

In particular, the issue of the Technical Arrangement IFT-004-2014, the possible effect that would be generated on the importation, circulation, or transit of goods that are subject to NOM-151-SCT1-1999 is avoided.

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 Official Gazette of the Federation on June 11th of 2013.

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