

## **ARTIFICIAL INFLATION OF TRAFFIC (ANNEX E) OF THE STANDARD INTERCONNECT AGREEMENT**

### **Briefing Audience:**

Public Electronic Communication  
Network Providers

### **Interconnect Notification (Ref: 077/08)**

After in-depth discussions and agreement with industry representatives, BT is proposing changes to the existing provisions relating to the Artificial Inflation of Traffic under the Standard Interconnect Agreement.

BT is therefore now issuing the proposed changes to the wider industry for their consideration and comment. Any responses are requested to BT by 28th February to [ait@bt.com](mailto:ait@bt.com).

The related documentation:

- a briefing on these proposals
- indicative flow charts of the new process
- updated draft of Annex E
- summary of the impact for Annex D can be found at website:

[http://www.btwholesale.com/pages/static/Pricing\\_and\\_Contracts/Contract\\_Reviews/Artificial\\_Inflation\\_of\\_Traffic\\_AIT\\_Review.html](http://www.btwholesale.com/pages/static/Pricing_and_Contracts/Contract_Reviews/Artificial_Inflation_of_Traffic_AIT_Review.html)

As part of this industry consultation exercise, BT is arranging a special session at the Standard Contract Forum at 1.30pm on 20 February 2008 at the Showcase, BT Centre. If you would like to attend to hear a brief presentation, to ask questions or discuss the proposals further, then please contact Norah Brash (the SCF organiser) on [norah.brash@bt.com](mailto:norah.brash@bt.com). Obviously it would be helpful if BT could know of any comments in advance so that it can better prepare for the meeting.

At the end of February, following the consultation, if appropriate in light of the iteration with industry BT will revise the process and the associated documentation, and then issue Supplemental Agreements to all affected CPs calling for signature within four weeks of issue. If BT and individual CPs are unable to agree, then BT will be forced to pursue the non-agreement as a Dispute under the respective interconnect agreement.

But the initial step is for consultation and for industry input to BT on the proposals, ideally before the February Standard Contract Forum, but with a closure date of 28th February 2008.

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