# Payphone Access Charge

# Accounting Principles

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# 1 Preface

This document defines the open eir accounting principles necessary to provide wholesale Payphone Access Charge (PAC) in response to industry discussions following consultation paper 02/63

This document is without prejudice to any future position open eir may adopt relative to the provision of PAC. It should be read in conjunction with the associated documents detailing processes, technical specifications and service level agreements, to be published according to applicable publication arrangements.

Intended audience for this document:

(i) ComReg, industry forum.

# 2 Introduction

This document defines the accounting principles for Payphone Access Charge; it is subject to change at the applicable ComReg industry forum.

# 3 Accounting Principles

All calls made by payphones to freephone number blocks will be able to raise a PAC charge1 against the operator they have a billing relationship with, unless the freephone access is blocked by the service provider or international carrier.

The PAC solution will provide the information needed for public payphone operators registered with Comreg to raise a PAC. A bill will be generated to charge the PAC and to collect specific call charges if necessary from either a downstream OLO or freephone service provider, the PAC will be passed to the registered payphone operator by the CPSO (exception being where registered payphone operator uses open eir network for originating call traffic) . The billing of this PAC may pass through several OLO's or open eir again until it reaches the freephone number, thus the PAC is cascaded from the freephone service provider through the network(s) to the payphone operator.

To illustrate the accounting flow of charges a number of scenarios have been defined. They are aimed at illustrating the accounting principles involved and are in no way exhaustive or definitive, please refer to Annex A (accounting principles).

1 A PAC charge is where terminating operators pay originating operators a higher price per minute rate for termination of calls to a freephone service, when the call has originated from a payphone.