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Telcos Must Review Access Prices for Their Wholesale Facilities and Services to Benefit Consumers: MCMC

Cyberjaya, 14 December 2012 --- Starting from 1 January 2013, telecommunications service providers are required to review "access prices" for their wholesale facilities and services as initiated by the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) for the benefit of consumers.

"We decided to make the call after conducting a Public Inquiry that was carried out from 1 October to 14 November 2012. We considered the feedback from the telcos but we also studied the impact it would have to the consumers in the long term," said Dato' Mohamed Sharil Tarmizi, chairman of MCMC.

The reduction in access prices (fees paid by one telco to another to connect a call) for fixed and mobile "termination" (i.e. when a call is connected at the receiving end) should have a desirable impact for the consumers. It would result in lower retail rates for consumers in the long run. Lower "termination" fixed and mobile rates also promote competition amongst the telcos, providing consumers with more choices and innovative services.

MCMC also wants the telcos to consider lowering the prices for transmission services, especially in East Malaysia with the hope that it would allow them to offer services at more affordable rates.

To learn more about the report, members of the public are encouraged to download the Public Inquiry Report on Review of Access Pricing from MCMC's website <http://skmm.gov.my/Media/Announcements/Public-Inquiry-Report-on-Review-of-Access-Pricing.aspx>

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The primary role of MCMC is to implement and promote the Government's national policy objectives for the communications and multimedia sector. MCMC is also charged with overseeing the new regulatory framework for the converging industries of telecommunications, broadcasting and on-line activities, in accordance with the national policy objectives set out in the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 (CMA), as well as postal services and digital certifications. The CMA provides that MCMC undertakes a policy implementation role, while policy decision-making is vested with the Minister. The Minister may also give policy directions to the Commission.

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