



## Telecommunications Regulatory Authority

### Request for Comments

#### Local Loop Unbundling Consultation

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (“TRA”) has conducted a review of Wholesale Broadband Markets in the Kingdom of Bahrain, with a view to assess competition and appropriate regulatory remedies.

TRA is of the view that Local Loop Unbundling should be introduced into the Reference Offer as a regulated product in addition to Bitstream and Wholesale DSL. TRA publishes the following documents for public consultation:

- A **Draft Determination of Dominance in Wholesale Broadband Markets** that reviews wholesale broadband markets and Batelco’s market power therein (*Reference: MCD/03/09/017*);
- A **Draft Access Order**, imposing an Access Obligation on Batelco to provide Local Loop Unbundling, requiring the continued provision of the Bitstream and Wholesale DSL products and providing TRA’s supporting analysis and rationale in two schedules listed below. (*Reference: MCD/03/09/018*).
- Draft Access Order Schedule 1: **Study on the Regulation of Wholesale Broadband Markets** - this schedule explains the reason for TRA’s decision with respect to Local Loop Unbundling, Bitstream and Wholesale DSL (*Reference: MCD/03/09/019*);
- Draft Access Order Schedule 2: **Appropriate approach for the implementation of Local Loop Unbundling (LLU) in the Kingdom of Bahrain** - this schedule defines TRA’s preferred approach for the implementation of LLU in the Kingdom of Bahrain. (*Reference: MCD/03/09/020*).

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (“TRA”) invites comments on these consultation documents from all interested parties. Comments should be submitted by **4 pm on 7 May 2009**.

Responses should be sent to TRA for the attention of the General Director preferably by email (or by post) to:

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Responses should include:

- “**LLU Consultation**” in the subject line of the email or on the envelop;
- the name of the company/institution/association etc.;
- the name of the principal contact person;
- full contact details (physical address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address); and
- in the case of responses from individual consumers, name and contact details.

In the interest of transparency, TRA intends to make all submissions received available to the public, subject to the confidentiality of the information received. TRA will evaluate requests for confidentiality in line with relevant legal provisions and TRA’s published guidance on the treatment of confidential and non-confidential information.<sup>1</sup>

Respondents are required to mark clearly any information included in their submission that is considered confidential. Where such confidential information is included, respondents are required to provide both a **confidential** and a **non-confidential** version of their submission. If a part or a whole submission is marked confidential, reasons should be provided. TRA may publish or refrain from publishing any document or submission at its sole discretion.

### **Next Step**

Once TRA has received and considered responses to this consultative document, TRA will issue final versions of these documents, together with the report on the consultation.

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<sup>1</sup> TRA, A Guidance Paper issued by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority on its treatment of confidential and non-confidential information, September 2007.