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- January**
- After negotiation Batelco and MTC Vodafone Bahrain could not agree certain terms and conditions of interconnection. The TRA resolves these in a determination
 - The TRA hosts the first annual TRA Development Review. A Review Panel of three international telecommunications experts visits Bahrain
- February**
- The TRA issues a determination to Batelco on accounting separation
 - Following consultation, the TRA issues a draft regulation on access for competing service providers in dominant markets
- March**
- The report of the TRA Development Review Panel is published
 - The TRA consults on its first forward-looking Plan for 2005/06
- April**
- The final regulation on access in dominant markets is published
 - The TRA issues an order to international facilities licensees to block an international call-back number
- May**
- The first Consumer Advisory Group – the Group on Carrier Pre-Selection (CPS) – submits its recommendations for a CPS Code of Practice
 - The Kingdom of Bahrain hosts a workshop for the region on dispute resolution, organised by the International Telecommunications Union
- June**
- The TRA issues its work plan for 2005/06 following consultation and taking on board the recommendations of the TRA Development Review Panel
 - The TRA issues its response to the Panel’s report in conjunction with the work plan for 2005/06
- July**
- The TRA invites comments on how to improve its website for users
- August**
- Pending the outcome of the spectrum management project, the TRA decides to issue temporary WiFi frequency licenses
 - The TRA approves Batelco’s Reference Interconnection Offer – the basis of the agreement between Batelco and any other telecommunications operator in Bahrain
 - The consultation on Batelco’s cost of capital commences
- October**
- The TRA consults on additional developments of the National Numbering Plan
 - Following a study looking into the areas where Batelco is dominant, the TRA consults on declaring Batelco dominant in wholesale markets
- November**
- The TRA issues its determination on Batelco’s cost of capital
 - The Ministry of Transportation and the TRA invite comments on their proposals for future spectrum policy in the Kingdom of Bahrain
 - The TRA issues its Code of Practice on Carrier Pre-Selection
- December**
- Radiation from mobile antennae in the Kingdom of Bahrain is found to be compliant with international standards for electromagnetic radiation
 - The TRA approves Batelco’s request to remove specified payphones