



Approval of OTE's Reference Offer for Wholesale Line Rental

EETT's Plenary Session approved OTE's Reference Offer for Wholesale Line Rental by Decision 478/115/6-5-2008 (Official Gazette Issue 988/B/28-5-2008).

For the above mentioned Decision the comments submitted to EETT within the frame of the Public Consultation realized with regards to the issue in question, as well as the current condition in the PSTN and BRA-ISDN retail market to which Wholesale Line Rental (WLR) is implemented, were taken into consideration.

With Wholesale Line Rental, alternative providers are offered with the ability to lease access lines to the end user with wholesale terms and then resell them to the consumers. In this way, the alternative provider has a fully retail relationship with the customer for all telephone services, issuing a single statement which covers the access line and the telephone calls. The WLR services offered include wholesale rental of PSTN lines, wholesale rental of ISDN-BRA Digital Access Lines as well as Digital Services through Wholesale Line Rental of PSTN and ISDN-BRA Access Lines.

Call completion through WLR is based on the carrier preselection service and Option 3 of preselection (All Calls) in particular. In case of calls which are not forwarded through Option 3, the providers are able to request the data for these calls, which are forwarded through OTE's network, so that the issuance of a single statement to the end user is possible.

It is noted that according to the above Decision, the costs associated with the provision of WLR services will be submitted by OTE to EETT for approval.

The individual regulations regarding WLR were determined based on the measures approved by EETT and the EU for retail access markets to the public telephone network at fixed locations (Markets 1 and 2) and the retail access market to the public telephone network at fixed locations through PSTN and BRA-ISDN connec-

tions for residential and non-residential customers in particular, as specified by EETT's Decision 411/017/22-11-2006, taking into consideration the current conditions of the Greek market and the successful international practice.

The introduction of Wholesale Line Rental is expected to contribute to the development of competition in the retail market, whereas the consumer can benefit from WLR services on the level of options and prices. The course of implementation of the present offer is closely monitored by EETT and potential revisions may be implemented in case this is considered necessary.

EETT invites all organizations involved to benefit from the new capabilities offered by this new regulative decision, in the interest of competition, the consumers and investments in new technologies and services.

