

Local Loop Unbundling (LLU) Services Users exceeded 450 thousands

- Loop Activation delays have been reduced
- The Fault Correction Process is improved

Local Loops made available by the providers to the consumers for the provision of broadband telecommunication services exceeded 450 thousands, which is about 69 times more compared to the end of December 2007. In June 2008, LLU lines constituted 28.6% of the total number of broadband lines in our country, compared to 6.3% in March 2007.

It is noted that OTE has delivered more than 1,000,000 cable pairs to broadband services providers, for the provision of LLU in the whole country (increased by 40% compared to the end of 2007, when the corresponding number was approximately 725,000), 500,000 of those are still available to the providers, to satisfy their subscriber's requests.

At the same time, in the end of June 2008, the number of overdue local loops (loops for which the respective deadline for implementation by the liable party had lapsed) reached 2,500, decreased by 70%, compared to December 2007, which were 12,926.

Physical collocation services are offered throughout Greece in 152 of OTE's Local Exchanges (LE) (76 LE in Attiki and 76 LE in the region). It is noted that by the end of June 2008, telecommunication service providers in total, had implemented 672 collocations in Greece, compared to 490 by the end of 2007.

It is noted that the regulative and supervisory intervention of EETT played a decisive role in the progressive course of LLU, since the modification of RUO, legislated by Decision 129/45/4-4-2007, in the Spring of this year. Although in day to day supervising EETT achieved the further improvement of compliance on the part of the Liable Party, as suggested by the increased number of LLU line activations (increase by 68% in the last semester), the delivery of more couples for activation (40% increase in the last semester) as well as the reduction of delays in the implementation of loops (66% reduction in the last semester).

Within the frame of Qualitative Broadband Services of 2008, the process for fault correction is improved by a regulative legislation modification of the fault management process by the Liable Party in cooperation with the Entitles Providers.

In conclusion, it is obvious that the exploitation of LLU has offered the ability to alternative providers to pro-

mote a series of service packages to the market, which combine broadband access to the Internet with telephony services and in some cases television or video-on-demand services over the Internet. Moreover, contrary to previous years, alternative providers based their development mainly on the use of LLU and much less to other wholesale broadband access products. This fact suggests the transition of many providers to higher levels on the investment scale, as they were now able to develop, offer and support new innovative products for Greek standards, such as double-play, triple-play, etc., offering a wide range of options to the Greek consumer in competitive prices.

The rapid increase of LLU is stated in the European Commissions 13th Report, where EETT's work is characterized as successful. Special reference is made both to the promotion of Physical Collocation as well as the rapid development of the Greek Broadband Market.

Chart 1:
Development of LLU Lines

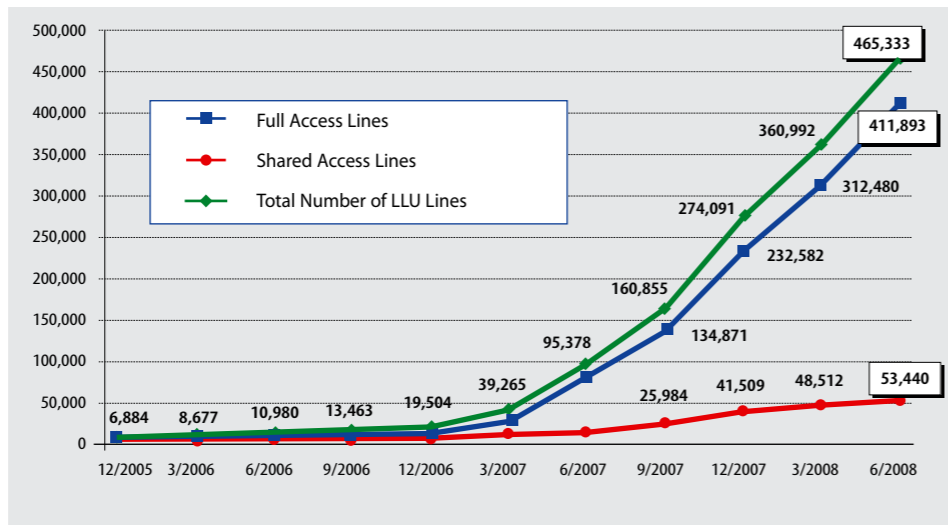


Chart 2:
Development of LLU Lines as a Percentage % of Broadband Lines

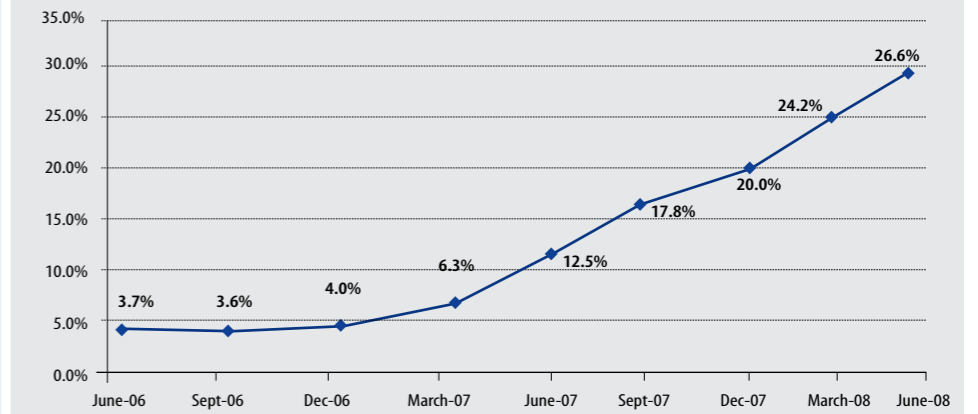


Chart 3:
Development of Overdue Local Loop Numbers

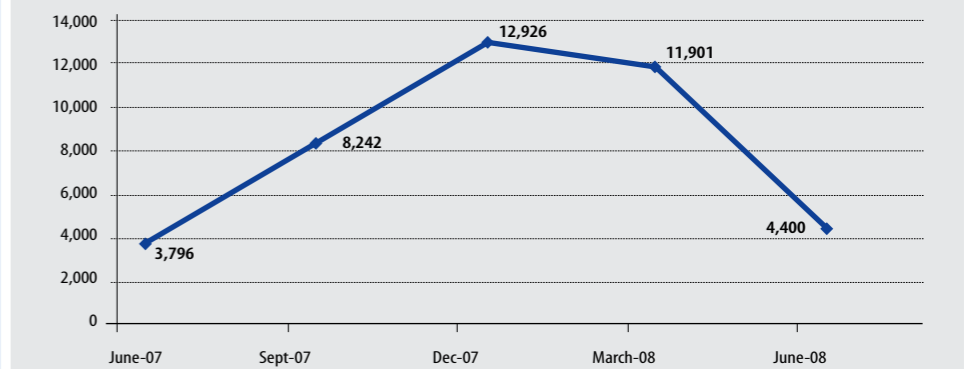


Chart 4:
Physical Collocation Evolution

