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Swiss Council of States in Favour of the Unbundling of the Last Mile

The Swiss Council of States ("Ständerat") has followed the motion carried by the majority of its commission to open the last mile and goes beyond the proposal of the National Council ("Nationalrat").

According to the proposal approved by the Council of States, the incumbent operator would be required to fully unbundle the local loop and to grant bit-stream access, interconnection as well as access to leased lines and cable ducts at cost oriented prices.

In order to prevent the new market entrants from having a "free ride", new market entrants requesting bit-stream access will be required after a period of three years to invest Swiss wide in their own infrastructure in order to avoid sanctions.

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