



Office of Utility Regulation

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Regulator Establishes Telecoms Working Groups

The OUR is setting up industry working groups to consider further the introduction of measures to boost consumer choice in the telecoms market. The working groups will look in more detail at Carrier Pre-Selection (“CPS”) and Number Portability (“NP”).

“These two measures do have the potential to make it easier for telecoms users to achieve further benefits from competition” said John Curran, Director General with the OUR. “However for such measures to be successful, the operators who intend to offer such services need to first identify the technical solution that best meets their needs and how any solution can be implemented efficiently in Guernsey.”

The working groups will look at the two measures separately with the results from the CPS working group being reported at the end of June 2005 and the NP results in October 2005.

“It is important that the operators become actively involved in the examination of the possible technical solutions so that any solutions that may be adopted are right for Guernsey” said John Curran. “While Guernsey can gain certain benefits from the work done on introducing these measures elsewhere, the technical solutions will need commitment from local operators”.

The report on the consultation, OUR 05/04: Carrier Pre-Selection and Number Portability within the Bailiwick of Guernsey, is available on the OUR website www.regutil.gg, or by calling the OUR on 711120.

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Information for Editors

About the OUR

The Office of Utility Regulation was established in 2001 to regulate the three utilities of post, telecommunications and electricity in the Bailiwick of Guernsey. The Office is headed up by Director General, John Curran and has three staff.

The role of the OUR is to protect the interests of Guernsey consumers and the economy. It does this by ensuring that customers receive the best in price, choice and quality services in the three regulated sectors, while at the same time ensuring that those sectors are vibrant and robust so that they can positively contribute to and underpin a successful Guernsey economy.

The OUR licenses and regulates telecommunications operators, Guernsey Electricity Ltd and Guernsey Post Ltd. Wherever possible, the OUR promotes the introduction of competition by ensuring that there is fair play and a level playing field between the operators. Where competition is not yet effective or where it is not feasible, the OUR regulates prices and quality of services to end customers.

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