



Office of Utility Regulation

Media Release

Regulator launches New Framework for Telecoms Licensing

Regina Finn, Director General (Designate) of Utility Regulation today (13th August 2001) issued a number of consultation papers on the future regulation of the telecommunications market in the Bailiwick.

These documents describe a framework for the future regulation of the telecoms sectors and in particular the licence terms and conditions that will apply in the market after 1st October 2001 when the new legislative regime is expected to come into force. As well as seeking views on these issues, the Regulator has issued notice of her intention to include certain conditions in licences for operators with a dominant position in the telecoms market, and to find that Guernsey Telecoms is dominant in that market.

“These consultation papers deal with the telecommunications licence conditions that will form the foundation for a new competitive, customer focussed telecommunications sector in the Bailiwick of Guernsey”, said the Regulator. “The new licensing regime is designed to facilitate the delivery of value for money, high quality telecommunications services to customers while at the same time enabling the development of a vibrant, competitive telecommunications sector in Guernsey.”

She went on to say “These documents are the first in a series of consultations that I will be carrying out that will cover all three utility sectors over the coming months and I hope that all interested parties will be involved in those consultations.”

The consultation documents are available on the OUR website – www.regutil.gg – or from the OUR office at Suite B1&B2, Hirzel Court, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 2NH, Tel 01481 711120.

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