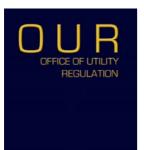
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Media Release

Extension of Deadline for Mobile Telecommunications Licence Applications

The Regulator today (21st November 2002) announced the publication of an Information Notice stating that the deadline for submission of applications for 2G and 3G Mobile Telecommunications Licences in the Bailiwick of Guernsey has been extended from 12 noon (GMT) 29th November 2002 to 12 noon (GMT) 3rd December, 2002.

"Due to the disruption to air travel arising from the airport strikes in the UK which are scheduled for the 28th November and 2nd December, 2002 it is sensible to extend the deadline for the submission of the applications to Tuesday 3rd December 2002" said Jon Buckland, Regulatory Manager. "We recognise that the strike on the 28th November could pose serious difficulties for potential applicants to submit their applications by the original deadline of midday (GMT) 29th November, hence the decision to extend the deadline by a few days. This decision will not affect the overall project timetable in which OUR plans to announce the result of the tender by 1st March and issue licences by 1st April 2003."

Copies of Information Note (OUR Document 02/41) are available from the OUR website on <u>www.regutil.gg</u> or by calling the Office on 01481 711120.

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