



# Office of Utility Regulation

**Media Release**

## Regulator Announces Interim Price Cap on C&W Guernsey

The OUR has announced a decision to extend the existing control on the prices that C&W Guernsey charges its customers for services it provides over its fixed telecommunications network. The price cap will cover the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

“C&W Guernsey’s existing price control will be extended for a period of six months to allow the OUR to complete work on a more longer term price control which will come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005” said John Curran, Director General with the OUR. “The price control will ensure that further downward pressure is maintained on core services and that any increases that C&WG may propose are controlled.”

The price control applies to four main baskets of services and includes such services as local, Jersey and national calls, leased lines, line rental and the shortcall services.

“While the OUR would hope that in future the number of services being controlled will decrease as competition becomes effective, for now there remains a need for such controls” said John Curran. “A decision on the scope of the new price control and the services that may be covered will be finalised over the next number of months”.

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## **Information for Editors**

The document, **OUR 05/08: Interim Price Control for C&W Guernsey Ltd, Report on the Consultation and Decision Notice** is available on the OUR website [www.regutil.gg](http://www.regutil.gg), or by calling the OUR on 711120.

## **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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