



Regulator Directs C&W Guernsey on Charges to other Telcos

The Regulator has today requested C&W Guernsey to propose new charges for the services it provides to competing telecoms operators. C&W Guernsey has been asked to submit new rates to the Regulator for review in May 2005.

“The OUR has had undertaken a detailed review of the way in which C&W Guernsey calculates the charges it requires new entrants to pay for access to its network” said John Curran, Director General of the OUR. “We have identified a number of changes that the company will be required to make before any new rates that are proposed by it can be considered appropriate”.

The work on reviewing C&W Guernsey’s rates has been carried out in tandem with the work on C&W Guernsey’s regulatory accounts. C&W Guernsey is shortly due to publish its next set of Regulatory Accounts.

“C&W Guernsey has undertaken a significant amount of work on its Regulatory Accounts in the past 6 months and this should assist in ensuring that any new interconnection charges that are submitted in May are more appropriate” said John Curran. “I would hope that by late summer we will be in a position to have revised rates in the market that are based on the cost to C&W Guernsey’s of providing these services”

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Information for Editors

The document, **OUR 05/09: Review of C&W Guernsey's Proposed Interconnection and Access Charges: Report on the Consultation and Decision Notice** is available on the OUR website 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.

More information is available from the OUR website www.regutil.gg, or by contacting the Office of Utility Regulation on 01481 711120.