



Office of Utility Regulation

# **Amendment to Guernsey Airtel Ltd's 2G Mobile Licence**

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## **Decision Document**

Notice of Decision to Modify the Licence for 2G Mobile Telecommunications Networks and Services issued to Guernsey Airtel Ltd under Part 1, Section 1 of the Telecommunications (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2001

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## Introduction

In July 2009 the Office of Utility Regulation published a document ‘*Amendment to Guernsey Airtel Ltd’s 2G Mobile Licence*’ (09/11). One response to the proposal was received from Newtel (Guernsey) Limited.

## Modification of Licence

The Director General proposed to amend GAL’s 2G mobile licence to allow the company to provide 2G services using both 900MHz and 1800MHz spectrum. Following the recent decision published in OUR 09/07 to grant GAL 900MHz spectrum there was a need to amend the current 2G licence as the current definition of ‘Licenced 2G Mobile Telecommunications Services’ is limited to services provided using 1800MHz spectrum.

The current definition is set out below:

**“Licensed 2G Mobile Telecommunications Services”**: means services (other than satellite services) the provision of which consists, wholly or partly, in the establishment of radio communications to Users, which makes use wholly or partly of a 2G Mobile Telecommunications Network and which has the characteristic of a pan-European, cellular, digital, land based, mobile telephony service compatible with the European GSM standard. These services shall be provided in the 1800 Mhz band in accordance with the Wireless Telegraphy Act and the relevant ETSI technical specifications;

OUR 09/11 proposed to amend this definition to the following (**proposed additional text in bold**):

“Licensed 2G Mobile Telecommunications Services” means services (other than satellite services) the provision of which consists, wholly or partly, in the establishment of radio communications to Users, which makes use wholly or partly of a 2G Mobile Telecommunications Network and which has the characteristic of a pan-European, cellular, digital, land based, mobile telephony service compatible with the European GSM standard. These services shall be provided in the **900MHz and** 1800 MHz bands in accordance with the Wireless Telegraphy Act and the relevant ETSI technical specifications;

## Comments Received

Newtel (Guernsey) Ltd supported the DG’s proposal to rebalance the allocation of radio spectrum among mobile operators and to modify GAL’s mobile licence to enable it to provide service in the 900Mz band. Newtel believes that fair competition can only be achieved by all parties having comparable licences and being allocated spectrum to be able to operate effectively.

In accordance with the OUR’s policy on consultation set out in Document OUR 05/28 – “Regulation in Guernsey; the OUR Approach and Consultation Procedures”, Newtel’s response

to the amendment will be available on the OUR's website ([www.regutil.gg](http://www.regutil.gg)) and for inspection at the OUR's offices during normal working hours.

### **Decision to amend GAL's 2G Licence**

The DG is, by this notice, confirming the decision to modify the licence for the 2G Mobile Telecommunications Networks and Services issued to GAL under Part 1, Section 1 of the Telecommunications (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2001.

#### **Decision**

The definition of 'Licensed 2G Mobile Telecommunications Services' in GAL's licence is amended as follows:

**"Licensed 2G Mobile Telecommunications Services"**: means services (other than satellite services) the provision of which consists, wholly or partly, in the establishment of radio communications to Users, which makes use wholly or partly of a 2G Mobile Telecommunications Network and which has the characteristic of a pan-European, cellular, digital, land based, mobile telephony service compatible with the European GSM standard. These services shall be provided in the 900MHz and 1800 MHz bands in accordance with the Wireless Telegraphy Act and the relevant ETSI technical specifications;

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