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The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) and the Office of Utility Regulation (OUR) in Guernsey issued a joint consultation on the allocation of radio spectrum to telecommunication operators in the Channel Islands in April 2012. The consultation sought to consider matters relevant to the future award of radio spectrum in the 800MHz and 2.6GHz frequency bands. A component of that consultation was the guidance provided by the Jersey and Guernsey States to the regulators at the end of 2011.

As the States of Guernsey have now appointed a new Commerce and Employment Board, the JCRA and the OUR have agreed to a request from the Commerce & Employment Board to defer their consultation following discussions with both the Department for Economic Development in Jersey and the Commerce & Employment Department in Guernsey. This is in order to give the Commerce and Employment Board time to give detailed consideration to the various issues relevant to the use of the available spectrum and the policies that should be followed in its allocation.

The regulators will issue a revised consultation once the Commerce and Employment Board has given the matter its full consideration and established its position. We will look to work closely with the Department to assist it in its assessment of this issue.

Therefore the current consultation is withdrawn. A new consultation will commence at the earliest opportunity. We therefore request that interested parties not respond to the original consultation, the closing date of which was 6 June 2012.

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