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JT appeals CICRA's decision to reduce fixed line prices

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities' (CICRA) price control on fixed line services in Jersey will be delayed after JT lodged an appeal against CICRA's decision.

CICRA required JT to reduce prices for calls using fixed line phones, exchange lines and a range of services related to having a fixed line phone service by RPI-6.5% each year for the next two years and restrict increases in prices in year three.

The price control did not cover residential or business broadband, leased line services or PrimeTalk.

After CICRA issued its decision (which was the result of a statutory process that began in 2015) JT indicated it had new information it wished CICRA to consider. CICRA has yet to see that new information and is unable to indicate what, if any, implication it could have.

The Royal Court has agreed to allow for a stay of 21 days which will allow further time for CICRA to be presented with any new information. JT is able to withdraw its appeal at any time.

In the event that the appeal proceeds, given court availability, the start date for the CICRA price control of 1 January 2017 will be delayed and any new date will be subject to a court decision.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

All enquiries should be directed in writing to CICRA chief executive, Michael Byrne, in Guernsey at the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority, Suite 4, 1st Floor, Plaiderie Chambers, La Plaiderie, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 1WG or in Jersey at the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Salisbury House, 1 - 9 Union Street, St Helier, Jersey JE2 3RF. Alternatively email info@cicra.je.

In line with CICRA's consultation policy, it intends to make responses to the consultation available on the CICRA website. Any material that is confidential should be put in a separate annex and clearly marked as such so that it may be kept confidential. CICRA regrets that it is not in a position to respond individually to the responses to this consultation.

About CICRA:

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities or 'CICRA' is the name given to the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) and the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority (GCRA) (formerly the Office of Utility Regulation). The JCRA was established under the Competition Regulatory Authority (Jersey) Law, 2001, and the GCRA was established under The Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2012. In Jersey, the telecoms and postal sectors are regulated by the JCRA, which is also responsible for administering and enforcing the Competition (Jersey) Law 2005. In Guernsey the telecoms, postal and electricity sectors are regulated by the GCRA, which is also responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Guernsey competition law since it came into force on 1 August 2012.

By working together and sharing resources and expertise between the islands, CICRA strives to ensure that consumers in all the Channel Islands receive best value, choice and access to high quality services.