

Consultation on Approach to Change of Control Notifications under Telecommunications Licences

I am writing to comment on the proposed change of licence from Cable & Wireless Guernsey Limited (CWG) and Cable & Wireless Jersey Limited (CWJ) to Bahrain Telecommunications Company BSC (Batelco) as given in your recent consultation paper.

The change of control is a matter of significant public interest in Guernsey and also in Jersey but particularly to the employees and ex-employees in both Islands. While the matter of continuation and investment in the service is critical the impact on the current and past CW staff members has also to be taken into account. Specifically could CICRA ascertain what provision has been made to safeguard the existing pension rights to ensure these are taken up by Batelco. At this time no information on the matter has been forthcoming.

Yours sincerely

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