



Office of Utility Regulation

Media Release

Regulator Publishes Licence Conditions for Guernsey Telecom Limited and Guernsey Post Limited; Announces Dates for Competition in Telecoms

Regina Finn, Director General of Utility Regulation today (27th September 2001) issued the final licence terms and conditions that will apply to Guernsey Telecoms and Guernsey Post Limited from 1st October. She has also published a number of reports and decision notices on the series of consultations carried out over the past two months and the timetable for the introduction of competition to the telecommunications market.

The documents describe the framework for the future regulation of both the telecoms and postal sectors and in particular the licence terms and conditions that will apply in the market after 1st October 2001.

“I am delighted to be able to publish these documents which are critical in moving the Guernsey communications market forward, following the positive confirmation by the Guernsey States yesterday of the commencement of the Regulatory Laws” said the Regulator.

“The publication of the licence terms and conditions for both Guernsey Telecoms Limited and Guernsey Post Limited is the culmination of a wide ranging consultation process. The new licensing regime is designed to facilitate the delivery of value for money, high quality telecommunications and postal services to customers while at the

same time enabling the development of a vibrant, competitive communications sector in Guernsey”

“However, this represents only the beginning my Office’s work. I shall now be turning my attention to ensuring that this potential can be realised for the benefit of consumers in the Bailiwick.”

The Regulator also announced that she would be licensing new operators in the telecommunications market from 1st July 2002 for service competition, with network competition being allowed from 1st December 2002. She also expects to be able to issue new mobile licences from 1st March 2003, and will be bringing forward proposals for licensing 3G mobile services in the Bailiwick.

“The introduction of competition will be critical in ensuring that there is better choice, lower prices and improved quality of service in the telecommunications services provided to consumers in the Bailiwick”, said the Regulator.

The Decision Notices and Reports on the Consultations, and the Licence Terms and Conditions, are available on the OUR website – www.regutil.gg – or from the OUR office at Suite B1&B2, Hirzel Court, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 2NH, Tel 01481 711120.

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Notes to Editors:

Documents published include

Number	Title
01/12	Telecommunications in Guernsey – the Framework for a Competitive Market: Report on the Consultation Paper
01/13	Telecommunications Licence Conditions: Decision Notice and Report on the Consultation Paper
01/14	Decisions under the Telecommunications (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2001: Decision Notice and Report on the Consultation Paper
01/15	Postal Licence Terms and Conditions: Decision Notice and Report on the Consultation Paper
01/16	Decisions under the Post Office (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2001: Decision Notice and Report on the Consultation Paper
01/17	Reserved Postal Services: Order under Section 9(1) of the Post Office (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2001 - Information Document
01/18	Fixed Telecommunications Licence Terms and Conditions
01/19	Mobile Telecommunications Licence Terms and Conditions
01/20	Postal Licence Terms and Conditions