



Office of Utility Regulation

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Regulator welcomes Utility Appeals Decision

The Director General is pleased that the OUR's consultation processes and procedures have been vindicated in this judgement. Commenting on the decision of the Utility Appeals Tribunal which was handed down earlier today, the Director General welcomed the fact that the Tribunal has dismissed all allegations of unfairness and lack of transparency made against the Office as well as substantial allegations that the OUR erred in law.

“This judgement underpins the continuing work of the OUR and the regulatory regime with its objective of promoting and facilitating competition in the best interests of users of utility services” said a spokesman.

There remains an outstanding issue of interpretation on the limited classes of leased lines that should remain outside the Reference Offer. The Director General is currently considering this in detail following clarification provided by the Tribunal today.

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Cable & Wireless Guernsey: www.cw.com/guernsey
Utility Appeals Tribunal: www.utilityappeals.org.gg