



Office of Utility Regulation

Media Release

Regulator publishes licence conditions for New Entrants to the Guernsey Telecoms Market; Invites Applications

The Director General of Utility Regulation, Regina Finn, has today invited applications for licences from new entrants wishing to enter the fixed telecoms market in Guernsey.

Among the documents published by her office is the licence terms and conditions that will apply to new operators wishing to provide telecoms services in the Bailiwick. The licences when issued will allow operators provide service to telecoms users in the Bailiwick from 1st July 2002 and to operate their own networks from 1st December 2002. She has also published the application procedures and application fees for a licence which have been set to cover the costs of processing applications and issuing licences.

The Regulator said “This is a very important step in the development of a competitive telecoms market in the Bailiwick. My Office has developed a straight forward licensing scheme whereby new operators wishing to enter the market only require one licence. The opportunity is now there for operators who want to enter this market, to deliver high quality service and provide customers with a choice.”

The licence text contains a number of provisions that are similar to those in Guernsey Telecoms Licence aimed at ensuring high quality services and customer protection and ensure a level playing field is in place for all licensees to operate on.

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The following OUR Documents referred to in this press release are available on the OUR website (www.regutil.gg):

OUR 02/07: Telecommunications Licence Terms and Conditions for New Entrants: Report on the Consultation Paper and Decision Notice

OUR 02/08: Pro Forma Telecommunications Licence Terms and Conditions for New Entrants

OUR 02/09: Application to Provide Fixed Telecommunications Services and Networks: Information Notice and Application Form