



Office of Utility Regulation

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Regulator consults on conditions for new mobile telecommunication licence conditions

Regina Finn, Director General of Utility Regulation, today (20th May 2002) published a consultation paper on the core conditions to be included in the new mobile telecommunications licences which will be available from 1st April 2003.

“The consultation represents the next stage in the planned liberalisation of the mobile telecommunications market. The introduction of such competition is aimed maximising the benefits to consumers in terms of prices, innovation and quality of service,” said the Regulator. “This paper outlines those basic licence conditions that it is proposed to apply to both of the new licences on offer and these are similar to the conditions that currently apply to GT. However, we are using a beauty contest to award the licences and when we receive applications we may consider including other licence conditions specific to the applications we receive.”

OUR is seeking views on the proposed conditions including; the duration of the licences, roaming arrangements, mobile number portability and facility sharing. “I strongly encourage interested parties to respond to the issues raised in this paper and help inform the development regulatory regime”, said the Regulator.

The Office of Utility Regulation is currently preparing the application procedures for the competition for the licences and will announce these together with the core licence texts arising from this consultation.

The consultation document is 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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