



# Office of Utility Regulation

**Media Release**

## Regulator Publishes Industry Consultation on Telecommunications Interconnection and Access

The Regulator today published a consultation document on amendments Cable & Wireless Guernsey has proposed to the Reference Offer it makes available to Other Licensed Operators (OLOs) in the telecoms market in the Bailiwick. The proposals centre on certain structural changes C&WG wishes to make to the manner in which it charges for interconnection services.

“The nature of the changes being proposed may impact on the plans other operators have for offering competing services to C&WG” said John Curran, Regulatory Manager with the OUR. “It is important that they be afforded the opportunity to consider the proposals and comment on them and for the OUR to understand how other operators view these proposals. The OUR is currently engaged in a detailed review of C&WG’s interconnection charges, having set revised interim rates in December 2003. We plan to finalise our consideration of these changes along with that review in May”.

The OUR consultation document “OUR 04/03: Review of Cable & Wireless Guernsey’s Proposed amendments to the Reference Offer for Interconnection and Access; Consultation Document” is available from the OUR’s website – [www.regutil.gg](http://www.regutil.gg) – or from its Office.

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## **Information for Editors**

The Office of Utility Regulation was established in 2001 to regulate the three utilities of post, telecommunications and electricity in the Bailiwick of Guernsey. The Office is headed up by Director General, Regina Finn and has four staff.

The role of the OUR is to protect the interests of Guernsey consumers and the economy. It does this by ensuring that customers receive the best in price, choice and quality services in the three regulated sectors, while at the same time ensuring that those sectors are vibrant and robust so that they can positively contribute to and underpin a successful Guernsey economy.

The OUR licenses and regulates telecommunications operators, Guernsey Electricity Ltd and Guernsey Post Ltd. Wherever possible, the OUR promotes the introduction of competition by ensuring that there is fair play and a level playing field between the operators. Where competition is not yet effective or where it is not feasible, the OUR regulates prices and quality of services to end customers.

More information is available from the OUR website [www.regutil.gg](http://www.regutil.gg), or by contacting the Office of Utility Regulation on 01481 711120.