



Regulator welcomes launch of Broadband services in the Bailiwick

The Office of Utility Regulation today (17th September 2002) welcomed Guernsey Telecoms announcement of its plans to introduce a portfolio of Broadband connectivity products from 8th October 2002.

“The OUR is pleased that this technology and range of services will soon be available within the Bailiwick,” said Jon Buckland, Regulatory Manager. “Consumers will be able to benefit from ADSL technology which converts normal telephone lines into fast digital lines enabling consumers to obtain high speed always-on connection to the internet.. “The OUR is particularly pleased to see that GT (in accordance with its license obligations) will be introducing services allowing all Internet Service Providers in the Bailiwick to offer internet services in the Bailiwick, using the GT ADSL connections.”

GT’s Licence also obliges it to notify the OUR and all other interested parties of its new services and its proposed prices for these services¹ – The OUR will now study GT’s proposed services and prices to ensure that these are transparent, non-discriminatory and cost oriented, covering all reasonable and relevant costs. Should the Director General, after consulting with GT and other relevant parties be satisfied that any published service or price is in breach of the Regulation of Utilities Law, Telecommunications Law or GT’s licence, she may require GT to bring the relevant services or prices into compliance with the law and requirements of GT’s licence.

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¹ Copies of GT’s proposed services and pricing schedule are available from GT’s website www.guernseytelecomslimited.com.