



Office of Utility Regulation

Amendment to All Existing Mobile Licences

Statutory Invitation to Comment

Notice of Proposal to Modify the Licences for 2G and 3G Mobile Telecommunications Networks and Services issued to Cable & Wireless Guernsey Ltd, Wave Telecom Ltd and Guernsey Airtel Ltd under Part 1, Section 8 of the Telecommunications (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2001

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Notice of proposal to Modify the 2G and 3G Licences of Cable & Wireless Guernsey Ltd, Wave Telecom Ltd and Guernsey Airtel Ltd

In accordance with Section 8 of The Telecommunications (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2001, the Director General of Utility Regulation hereby gives notice of his intention to modify the 2G and 3G Mobile Licences issued to C&WG Ltd, Wave Telecom Ltd and Guernsey Airtel Ltd on 1st September 2011.

Proposal

The Director General proposes to replace the six outstanding licences with three identical licences, one issued to each of the existing licensees. The text of the proposed licence is published at the same time as this Invitation to Comment.

Reason for Modification

The Director General undertook a review of mobile licences and licensing in 2009. Following a consultation in May 2010 (OUR 10/05), which attracted a number of responses, and after further work, the OUR issued a Draft Decision in December 2010 (OUR 10/16). Taking account of comments received, the OUR published a Final Decision in April 2011 (OUR 11/07).

The Final Decision explains the changes the DG is intending to make to the existing 2G and 3G licences. As there is now an established mobile telecommunications market, the DG can rely on competition to provide some of the benefits of regulation directly and he can reduce his interventions. The DG is therefore relaxing some of the conditions on mobile operators while, for instance, maintaining the option to regulate to protect a universal service. He is also preparing for the next stage in mobile telecommunication development by issuing licences that give operators more choice in the use of radio spectrum for the provision of 2G and 3G services.

Representations or Objections

In accordance with section 8(2)(c) of The Telecommunications (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2001, interested parties are invited to submit written representations or objections to the proposal in this notice within 7 days of publication of this notice.

Written representations or objections should be clearly marked “**Representations re proposal to amend all existing mobile licences**” and be submitted by 12 noon on Friday 8 August 2011 to:

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Following consideration of any representations or objections the Director General will publish notice of his decision to amend or not to amend existing mobile licences.

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