

at the above address, within the period mentioned above, quoting Ref LDC 2376.

J R Park, Assistant Secretary

3 August 2001.

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(b) to secure effective competition in the supply of gas conveyed through pipes.

3. Any representations or objections with respect to the proposed extensions may be made in writing and delivered to J Ricketts, Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, Licensing Section 2nd Floor, 9 Millbank, London SW1P 3GE, no later than 31 August 2001. (521)

Energy



Gas

TotalFinaElf Pipelines Limited

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO GRANT AN EXTENSION TO A PUBLIC GAS TRANSPORTERS LICENCE

1. The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ("the Authority"), pursuant to section 7(5) of the Gas Act 1986, hereby gives notice that it proposes to grant a licence under that section to TotalFinaElf Pipelines Limited, whose registered office is situated at Ocean Park House, East Tyndall Street, Cardiff CF1 5GT.

The extension, if awarded, will authorise the above-named to convey gas through pipes to any premises in the areas briefly described below and shown on maps previously submitted to the Authority:

Areas:

Inglemire Avenue, Hull
Woodlands, Weeping Cross, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxfordshire
Kingsbury Road, Minworth, Birmingham
Priors Close, New Waltham, Grimsby
Station Road, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend
St Lawrence Avenue, Bolsover, Chesterfield
Somersby Manor Estate, Mill Lane, North Hykeham, Lincoln
Salisbury Road, Hungerford, Berkshire
OSU Liphook, Midhurst Road, Liphook, Hampshire

Copies of these maps are available for inspection at the Office of Gas Supply at the address shown below.

2. The Authority is of the opinion that the above-named applicant intends to carry on the activities which may be authorised by its licence under section 7 of the Act in the areas named, and that the granting of the licence will be calculated.

(a) to secure that reasonable demands for gas in Great Britain are met, and

(b) to secure effective competition in the supply of gas conveyed through pipes.

3. Any representations or objections with respect to the proposed extensions may be made in writing and delivered to J Edwards, Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, Licensing Section 2nd Floor, 9 Millbank, London SW1P 3GE, no later than 31 August 2001. (520)

United Utilities Gas Networks Ltd

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO GRANT AN EXTENSION TO A PUBLIC GAS TRANSPORTERS LICENCE

1. The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ("the Authority"), pursuant to section 7(5) of the Gas Act 1986, hereby gives notice that it proposes to grant a licence under that section to United Utilities Gas Networks Ltd, whose registered office is situated at Dawson House, Great Sankey, Warrington, Cheshire WA5 3LW.

The extension, if awarded, will authorise the above-named to convey gas through pipes to any premises in the areas briefly described below shown on maps previously submitted to the Authority:

Areas:

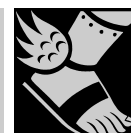
21 West Beach, Lytham, Lancashire
Fleetwood Road South, Thornton, Lancashire
Billinge Road, Pemberton, Wigan

Copies of these maps are available for inspection at the Office of Gas Supply at the address shown below.

2. The Authority is of the opinion that the above-named applicant intends to carry on the activities which may be authorised by its licence under section 7 of the Act in the areas named, and that the granting of the licence will be calculated.

(a) to secure that reasonable demands for gas in Great Britain are met, and

Post & Telecom



Post Office

Consignia plc

CONSIGNIA PLC SCHEME OL4/2001

(This note is not part of the Scheme)

NOTE. The Scheme which follows this note has been made under section 89 of the Postal Services Act 2000 and amends the Successor Postal Services Company Overseas Letter Post Scheme 2001. The Scheme, which comes into operation on 20th August 2001 introduces the Local Collect service.

CONSIGNIA PLC OVERSEAS LETTER POST AMENDMENT (NO 2) SCHEME 2001

Made9th August 2001

Coming into operation20th August 2001

Consignia plc^(a), by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 89 of the Postal Services Act 2000 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Commencement, citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Scheme shall come into operation on 20th August 2001 and may be cited as the Consignia plc Company Overseas Letter Post Amendment (No. 2) Scheme 2001.

(2) This Scheme shall be read as one with the Successor Postal Services Company Overseas Letter Post Scheme 2001^(b) (hereinafter called "the Scheme"), as amended by the Consignia plc Overseas Letter Post Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 2001.

2. A reference in the Scheme to the Successor Postal Services Company shall be read as a reference to Consignia plc.

3. In paragraph 3(1) of the Scheme a new definition will be added as follows:

"Local Collect" means a service whereby Consignia plc delivers a letter to a post office for collection by the addressee.

Postal Facilities

4. A new paragraph 42A shall be added as follows:

"42A.1 Local Collect is a service whereby Consignia plc delivers a letter to a post office for collection by the addressee. There are two types of Local Collect, one requested by the addressee set out in 42A.2, and one requested by the sender set out in 42A.3, 4 and 5.

42A.2 An addressee may request Consignia plc to deliver a letter to a post office within the same delivery area as the addressee's address if Consignia plc has been unable to effect delivery at the addressee's address. The addressee must pay the fee set out in Schedule 11A to this Scheme on collecting the letter. If the addressee does not pay this fee, Consignia plc may treat the letter in accordance with Paragraph 17 of this Scheme.

42A.3 Businesses wishing to use the Local Collect service must have a Local Collect Licence which authorises the licensee to send a letter:

42A.3.1 directly to a post office for collection by the addressee, or

42A.3.2 to the addressee's address, but in the event that Consignia plc is unable to effect delivery at the addressee's address, then Consignia plc will deliver the letter to a post office located in the same delivery area as the addressee's address for collection by the addressee.

42A.4 The Licence will be granted for a period of one year and may contain such terms and conditions as Consignia plc deem appropriate.

42A.5 The fees applicable to Local Collect Licence are shown in Schedule 11A to this Scheme."

Schedule 11A Local Collect

5. A new Schedule shall be added as Schedule 11A as follows:

"The annual Licence fee is £300. The fee payable by the addressee requesting the service is 50 pence per letter."

(a) Consignia plc (a company registered in England and Wales under number 4138203) is a universal service provider as defined in section 4(3)(a) of the Postal Services Act 2000. Consignia plc is the successor postal services company referred to in article 37(1) of the Postal Services Act 2000 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional and Savings Provisions) Order 2001 (2001/1148 (C.37)).

(b) The Post Office Overseas Letter Post Scheme 2001 was amended, renamed the Successor Postal Services Company Overseas Letter Post Scheme 2001 and treated as made under section 89 of the Postal Services Act 2000 by article 40 of the Postal Services Act 2000 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2001 (2001/1148 (C.37)).

Signed by *Colin Beesley*, for and on behalf of Consignia plc
9th August 2001.

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Telecommunications**British Telecommunications plc ("BT")****NOTICE UNDER SECTION 12(2) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1984****PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE LICENCE OF BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLC (BT)**

1. The Director General of Telecommunications ("the Director"), in accordance with section 12(2) of the Telecommunications Act 1984, as amended by the Electronic Communications Act 2000 (the "Act"), hereby gives notice that he proposes to make modifications to the licence granted to British Telecommunications plc ("BT") on 22 June 1984.

2. The effect of the proposed modifications to BT's licence would be to set starting charges for and bring under regulatory control the charges for flat rate internet access call origination (FRIACO) at the tandem exchange, by incorporating the charge for FRIACO at the tandem exchange into the network charge controls from 1 October 2001. The proposed modifications take the form of changes to Condition 69 of BT's Licence. Condition 69 was last modified on 27 March 2001. Some of the changes introduced in March are not to take effect until 1 October 2001. Some of the modifications proposed by this notice have the effect of making changes to the March modifications.

3. The Director is making these proposals because competition is not effective in the provision of flat rate internet access call origination either at the local exchange or the tandem exchange.

4. The proposed modifications and their effects are set out in full in Statutory Consultation on Proposed Modifications to BT's Licence to give effect to Charge Controls for Single Tandem FRIACO, which was published on 17 August 2001. The document is available via OfTel's website (www.oftel.gov.uk). The Director is seeking comments on the proposed modifications to the licence of BT. Interested parties have 28 days from the day after publication of this notice to make representations on the proposed modifications. In accordance with section 12(6D) of the Act, representations made against the proposed modifications shall be taken to constitute an objection only if a written statement that they are to be so taken accompanies them.

5. The proposed modifications are also available from Mike Galvin at OfTel, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7JJ, telephone (00 44 (0)20) 7634 8869, facsimile (00 44 (0)20) 7634 8924, e-mail mike.galvin@oftel.gov.uk.

6. The Director is required by section 12(2) of the Act to consider any representations or objections on the proposed modifications duly made and not withdrawn. Subject to such consideration, and to the consent of BT for the respective modifications, the Director proposes to make the modifications as soon as practicable after the statutory consultation is completed.

7. Representations on the proposed modifications can be made to Mike Galvin by 17 September 2001.

8. Any confidential material should be clearly marked as such and separated out into a confidential annex. All representations and objections received by OfTel, with the exception of material marked confidential, will be made available for inspection in OfTel's Research and Intelligence Unit.

D A Edmonds, Director General of Telecommunications
17 August 2001.

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 12(2) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1984**PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF ALL PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS ("PTO") LICENCES**

1. The Director General of Telecommunications (the "Director") in accordance with section 12(2) of the Telecommunications Act 1984 as amended by the Electronic Communications Act 2000 (the "Act") hereby gives notice that he proposes to make modifications to all telecommunications licences granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry (the "Secretary of State") under section 7 of the Act to particular persons during the period beginning on 22 June 1984 and ending on 31 July 2001 which the Secretary of State has designated by Order under section 9 of the Act as having public telecommunications systems, collectively referred to hereinafter as the "PTO licences".

2. The effect of the modifications, which the Director proposes to make, is set out in the Schedule below.

3. The reason for the proposed modifications is that it is necessary to give operators a general authorisation to refuse to connect apparatus or to disconnect apparatus or withdraw apparatus from service where that apparatus is damaging the network. The current arrangements, which require prior authorisation, are not practicable. In the relevant circumstances, it is essential that operators are able to take immediate action. However this will be balanced by a requirement that where operators do take action under this condition they will be required to inform the Secretary of State and the Director at the earliest practicable opportunity. The reasons are more particularly set out in the Explanatory Memorandum entitled "Explanatory Memorandum for Section 12 Modification to Licence Condition 5(4)(c) or its equivalent".

4. The proposed modification of Licence Condition 5(4)(c) which had been set out in the notice published by the Director on 6 July 2001 has been withdrawn and is replaced by the amended wording proposed in this notice and Explanatory Memorandum.

5. Section 12A(7) of the Act provides that a modification is deregulatory if—

(a) the effect of the conditions to be modified is to impose a burden affecting the holder of the licence in which those conditions are included;

(b) the modification would remove or reduce the burden without removing any necessary protection; and,

(c) the modification is such that no person holding a licence granted under section 7 of the Act to a particular person would be unduly disadvantaged by the modification in competing with the holder of the licence in which those conditions are included.

6. In the opinion of the Director, the proposed modifications to the PTO licenses are deregulatory within the meaning of section 12A(7) for the reasons set out in the Explanatory Memorandum.

7. The consultation procedure comprises two stages. In the first stage, representations on or objections to the proposed modifications may be made to: Frank Phillips, OFTEL, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7JJ (telephone 020 7634 8871, e-mail frank.phillips@oftel.gov.uk) by no later than 4 October 2001.

8. Any confidential information should be clearly marked as such and separated out into a confidential annex. All representations or objections received by OfTel, with the exception of material marked confidential, will be made available for inspection in OfTel's Research and Intelligence Unit.

9. In the second stage, interested parties are invited to send comments to Frank Phillips, details as above, by no later than 24 October 2001, on representations or objections received in the first stage.

10. Any representations against the proposed modifications must be accompanied by a written statement that they are to be taken as objections to the modifications.

11. Copies of the full text of the proposed modifications and the Explanatory Memorandum, and a full list of licences affected, can be obtained from Julia Bradford at the above address (telephone 020 7634 8838, e-mail julia.bradford@oftel.gov.uk). Copies can also be obtained from OfTel's website.

SCHEDULE

1. Condition 5(4)(c) or a condition substantially in the same terms as Condition 5(4)(c), which reads as follows:

"(c) is in the opinion of the Secretary of State and the Director causing serious damage to a network or harmful radio interference or harm to the network or its functioning and the Licensee has been authorised by the Secretary of State and the Director to refuse connection, or to disconnect such apparatus or withdraw it from service."

is to be deleted and replaced by the following wording:

"(c) is causing serious damage to a network or harmful radio interference or harm to the network or its functioning; and the Licensee may refuse connection of that apparatus, disconnect that apparatus or withdraw that apparatus from service provided the Licensee at the earliest practicable opportunity informs the Secretary of State and the Director of its action; or"