

JCRA Media Release

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JCRA Serves Licence Enforcement Notice on Jersey Telecom (JT)

The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) has commenced enforcement proceedings concerning repeated infringements by Jersey Telecom (JT) of its price publication obligations.

As the dominant telecommunications provider in Jersey, JT is obliged to publish a notice of any intended price changes, discounts or special offers at least twenty one days in advance. This enables the JCRA to raise with JT any initial concerns regarding the prices before they take effect.

However, the JCRA has found that JT has failed to meet its price publication requirements on five occasions over the last seven months. This was in spite of an assurance given by JT to the JCRA that it would in future comply with these requirements.

Bill Brown, Executive Director, of the JCRA said:

“The price publication requirements are an important tool to enable the JCRA to monitor the effects of JT’s prices in the marketplace. They do not prevent JT from introducing new prices or services, but only require advance publication of its proposals. In common with our normal process, we had sought to resolve this matter without the need for enforcement action, but unfortunately this has not proved possible in this case.”

The JCRA’s proposed Direction would require JT to comply in future with the price publication rules, so that any further breach would be enforceable by the JCRA against JT in the Royal Court (the JCRA has no power to impose penalties under the Telecoms Law). It would also require JT to ensure that it has in place and maintains adequate internal policies and procedures to ensure compliance.

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