

JCRA Media Release

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Islands' Regulators Work Together

The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) is cooperating with the Office of Utility Regulation (OUR) in Guernsey to ensure consumers and businesses in both Islands can keep their numbers if they decide to switch to a different mobile operator (mobile number portability or MNP).

Jersey mobile operators (Jersey Telecom, and the two prospective new entrants, Cable & Wireless and Airtel) are already aiming to ensure that Jersey consumers and businesses can benefit from MNP by 1 January 2007, following a Direction from the JCRA earlier this year. The OUR has sought confirmation from Guernsey mobile operators that they are prepared to use the Jersey solution to offer MNP within Guernsey.

Bill Brown Executive Director of the JCRA said:-

“The adoption of a common approach to the introduction of MNP in both Islands should significantly reduce costs for the mobile operators, and benefit users. The fact that the OUR is using Jersey’s approach to MNP as a basis for a Guernsey solution highlights the merits of closer co-operation”.

We shall continue to explore with the OUR further ways in which cooperation between us can reduce costs”.

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