

JCRA Media Release

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JCRA Executive Director to Depart in October

The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority ('JCRA') announces today that its current Executive Director, Chuck Webb, will depart in October, upon the expiry of his current three-year contractual term with the Authority.

Mr Webb, an American national, joined the JCRA initially in May 2005 as the Authority's in-house Legal Advisor. Previously he had been an attorney in private practice focussing on competition law and other complex regulatory matters in the United States and Europe. In October 2007, Mr Webb became the JCRA's Executive Director, after the departure of his predecessor, Bill Brown.

During Mr Webb's tenure as Executive Director, the JCRA has achieved many significant accomplishments, including:

- The implementation of Mobile Number Portability ("MNP") in Jersey and Guernsey;
- The JCRA's first abuse of dominance decision under Jersey's Competition Law;
- Imposing and collecting the first four fines for infringements of Jersey's Competition Law;
- The elimination of fixed or recommended prices in various markets in Jersey;
- The avoidance of anticompetitive mergers and acquisitions in Jersey;
- The continuing liberalisation of Jersey's postal market;
- The completion of a major review of Jersey Telecom's wholesale access provision and separated accounts methodologies;
- Providing advice on numerous issues, including potentially increased retail competition in Jersey through the introduction of a third supermarket;
- Increasing transparency through efforts such as launching the JCRA's mobile mast locator website;

- Furthering pan-Channel Islands regulatory cooperation;
- The reform of Jersey's Merger Filing Thresholds and Merger Filing Fees; and
- The JCRA becoming a recognised leader internationally in the application of competition law and policy in small economies.

In September 2008, a JCRA study estimated that select past enforcement actions had saved consumers in Jersey approximately £12.5 million. This estimate was calculated before the introduction of MNP, which has resulted in even further price reductions and additional consumer savings in mobile telecommunications.

Commenting on Mr Webb's impending departure, Senator Alan Maclean, Minister for Economic Development said:

'Chuck has successfully raised the profile of the JCRA both in Jersey and on the international stage, building the Authority's reputation as a global leader in the application of competition law and policy in small economies'.

Commenting on Mr Webb's impending departure, Mark Boleat, Chairman of the JCRA said:

'Over the past five years Chuck's commitment and drive have delivered significant benefits to the consumers of Jersey. He has delivered an open, transparent organisation, and together with the JCRA has been recognised as a leader in his field. We are sorry to see Chuck go.'

Upon his departure from the JCRA, Mr Webb and his family will return to the United States. Mr Webb plans to resume his legal practice in the private sector.

Commenting on his departure as the JCRA's Executive Director, Chuck Webb said:

'Living in Jersey and working for the JCRA has been an extraordinary opportunity for my family and me. Through the JCRA, I have had the privilege of working on many of the vital economic issues facing Jersey today. I am immensely proud of the JCRA's many accomplishments, a record of success that I am confident will continue. I wish the JCRA's Chairman, Mark Boleat, whomever succeeds me as Executive Director'

and the whole JCRA team the very best in what I'm sure will be a bright future for the Authority.'

In cooperation with Jersey's Economic Development Department and the Jersey Appointments Commission, the JCRA will be undertaking a recruitment process to appoint Mr Webb's successor.

All enquiries should be directed to the JCRA on +44 (0)1534 514990.

About the JCRA

The JCRA is an independent authority established by the States of Jersey to enforce Jersey's competition law and regulate its telecommunication and postal sectors. In each of these areas, the JCRA's primary mission is to promote consumer welfare through efforts that encourage lower prices and greater choice and innovation in the goods and services available in Jersey. The JCRA is recognized internationally as a leading voice in the application of competition law and policy in small economies.

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