



## **CICRA media release**

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### **Head of CICRA to step down**

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities (CICRA) Chief Executive, John Curran, has announced he will be stepping down from his position later this year once a replacement has been found.

Mr Curran, who heads up both the Office of Utility Regulation (OUR) in Guernsey and the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) under the joint aegis of CICRA, has been working in regulation in the islands for nine years starting at the OUR in 2003.

He has been head of the OUR since 2005 and was appointed head of the JCRA in 2010 in a move designed to forge closer working between the regulators. Mr Curran joined the OUR having previously worked in regulation in Ireland and Australia. He also worked as a consultant assisting the introduction of the regulatory model in Guernsey in 2001.

Mr Curran's contract with the States of Guernsey, as head of the OUR, expires in January 2013 and he believes the time is right to appoint someone else to the role.

"I have been working in regulation for nine years in the Channel Islands. In that time we have achieved a significant amount for consumers and I think the benefits of the two islands working closer together will allow us to do even more for consumers.

"We have worked hard to ensure consumers get the best possible value, choice and access to high quality services. The changes we have made in Jersey, as to how we implement the competition law, are delivering real benefits for consumers and I expect once the competition law is introduced in Guernsey similar benefits will be gained.

“I am particularly proud of being part of the decision to bring the OUR and JCRA together as CICRA. The work we have done over the past two years demonstrates the tangible benefits of closer working between the Islands. We have shown that it not only saves on cost but increases the overall effectiveness of how we work. I am pleased to have had a role in making it work and am grateful to the JCRA board for giving me the opportunity to make it happen. I am also extremely grateful to the States of Guernsey for giving me the opportunity in 2005 to head up the OUR.

“I have been very fortunate to work with an exceptionally capable team across the two islands and I have every confidence that the progress we have made in protecting consumers and promoting competition will continue,” added Mr Curran.

Mark Boleat, chairman of CICRA, said: “John Curran has done an excellent job in the 18 months since he added the JCRA role to his position in Guernsey. In particular, he has led a significant change in competition policy work to focus on those issues which have significant impact on the people of Jersey. He has established and maintained excellent working relationships with regulated organisations and other stakeholders, never an easy task for a regulator.

“Most importantly, John's appointment marked a step change in co-operation between Jersey and Guernsey. He has made the arrangement work such that the Guernsey and Jersey regulators now work as a single unit with resulting gains in effectiveness and efficiency. He will pass on to his successor a first class organisation and will leave with our gratitude and best wishes,” added Mr Boleat.

Advertisements for the position of Chief Executive will be placed from March in key Channel Islands publications as well as the Sunday Times and websites Global Competition Review and ICN.

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The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities (CICRA) is the name given to the two Channel Islands regulatory authorities, the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) and the Guernsey Office of Utility Regulation (OUR). A memorandum of understanding was signed in December 2010 to facilitate closer working between the two authorities. Both regulatory bodies were established in 2001. The JCRA was established under the Competition Regulatory Authority (Jersey) Law, 2001 and the OUR was established under the Regulation of Utilities (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2001. In Jersey the telecoms and postal sector are regulated by the JCRA, which is also responsible for administering and enforcing the Competition Law (Jersey) 2005. In Guernsey the telecoms, postal and electricity sector are regulated by the OUR. The aim of both authorities is to ensure that consumers receive the best value, choice and access to high quality services while Jersey has the added responsibility of promoting competition and consumer interests.