



CICRA media release

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Interim Chief Executive appointment for CICRA

CICRA (the Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities) has appointed Michael Byrne as interim chief executive with effect from 1 April 2014. Mr Byrne will take over from Andrew Riseley who has decided to step down from his position at CICRA in order to relocate closer to his home in Australia.

CICRA, which encompasses the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority (GCRA), formerly known as the Office of Utility Regulation (OUR), and the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA), has made the interim appointment, pending a permanent appointment later this year.

Mr Byrne joined the OUR in May 2005, and was appointed to the position of deputy director general (later deputy chief executive) in December 2007. He has extensive experience applying regulation and competition law in the broadcasting, telecommunications, postal and energy sectors in the UK and Channel Islands.

He will be overseeing the delivery of CICRA's 2014 work programme of pan-Channel Island regulatory and competition law activities on both islands.

CICRA board chairman, Mark Boleat, said: "Michael Byrne is ideally qualified to take on this important role at CICRA. In the nine years since he joined the OUR, Michael has built on his significant experience in regulation and competition policy, using this

experience to good effect and developing a thorough understanding of the special characteristics of the Channel Island economies”.

Mr Byrne said: “During this interim period my priority is to continue to ensure CICRA delivers on its aim of ensuring that consumers across the Channel Islands receive the best value, choice and access to high quality services.”

Mr Boleat paid tribute to Mr Riseley’s work at CICRA: “Andrew has done an excellent job in continuing the development of pan-Channel islands working and has undertaken a number of key projects during his time with CICRA. He has worked extremely hard on behalf of consumers in the Channel Islands and departs with our best wishes.”

Mr Riseley said: “After ten years in the British Isles and three years in the Channel Islands, I have decided to move closer to family and friends in Australia and New Zealand. I am grateful to all of my colleagues for their efforts and support during my time as chief executive and I am confident that CICRA will continue to succeed under Michael’s leadership.”

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About CICRA:

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities or 'CICRA' is the name given to the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) and the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority (GCRA) (formerly the Office of Utility Regulation). The JCRA was established under the Competition Regulatory Authority (Jersey) Law, 2001, and the GCRA was established under The Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2012. In Jersey, the telecoms and postal sectors are regulated by the JCRA, which is also responsible for administering and enforcing the Competition (Jersey) Law 2005. In Guernsey the telecoms, postal and electricity sectors are regulated by the GCRA, which is also responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Guernsey competition law since it came into force on 1 August 2012.

By working together and sharing resources and expertise between the islands, CICRA strives to ensure that consumers in all the Channel Islands receive best value, choice and access to high quality services.