



CICRA media release

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CICRA considers wholesale broadband charges in Jersey

CICRA (the Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities) has launched a consultation into the wholesale rates for broadband charged to other licenced operators in Jersey following notification from JT of the wholesale prices it proposes to charge.

CICRA interim chief executive, Michael Byrne, explained that JT's investment in the Gigabit Jersey project would see all homes connected to fibre by the end of 2016.

"This is a major investment in Jersey's communications infrastructure which will support communication services and underpin economic growth in the island for decades to come," he said.

"It is therefore critical, for these benefits to be fully realised, that the charges for access to the JT's wholesale services are reasonable.

"A competitive communications market benefits consumers by providing better choice, value and innovative services. In order that wholesale rates for broadband services in Jersey support these aims they need to be set at levels that allow for efficient market entry by other retail competitors to JT.

"The levels also need to reflect an efficiently-provided service that encourages investment in the network and allows for a fair return on that investment."

CICRA is now consulting on the proposed methodology for determining these charges.

Those wishing to comment on the consultation should do so by 30 May 2014. CICRA will announce its decision on wholesale broadband pricing in Jersey in Q3 of 2014.

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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.