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CICRA agrees to RPI increase for Ports of Jersey

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities (CICRA) has approved a retail price increase in line with RPI at June 2015 of 0.9% for the Ports of Jersey Limited effectively freezing prices in real terms

The increase, will apply to all services offered by Ports of Jersey including airport fees, harbour dues and marina fees.

The States of Jersey, on 1 October 2015 incorporated Jersey's airport and harbours as Ports of Jersey Limited, a separate commercial entity, regulated by CICRA. CICRA's role is to safeguard users' interests and to promote competition where appropriate.

CICRA chief executive, Michael Byrne, said: "Our pricing discussions with Ports of Jersey have been productive and pragmatic.

"Jersey's ports are vital to the economic well-being of the island providing facilities for commercial air and sea port operators, as well as leisure users and the general public, and it is our duty to ensure that services are provided efficiently and cost effectively.

"Positive engagement with the Ports of Jersey has enabled us to reach a decision that balances its priorities and our duties in the interest of all consumers."

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In line with CICRA's consultation policy, it intends to make responses to the consultation available on the CICRA website. Any material that is confidential should be put in a separate annex and clearly marked as such so that it may be kept confidential. CICRA regrets that it is not in a position to respond individually to the responses to this consultation.

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.