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By email only

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Dear Paul

Spectrum in the 800-2600 MHz bands: recommendation to award additional spectrum to Sure and implement a related rearrangement of assignments within the 800, 900, 1800 and 2100 MHz bands

I am writing to you on behalf of the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (the JCRA) to recommend the award of radio spectrum to Sure (Jersey) Limited (Sure), of The Powerhouse, Queen's Road, St Helier, Jersey, JE2 3AP, a company holding a current Class II telecoms licence in Jersey.

As you know, receiving an award of spectrum in Jersey requires companies to hold two licences:

(a) A valid telecoms licence issued by the JCRA under the Telecommunications (Jersey) Law 2002 allowing the provision of telecoms services in the Island (the **Jersey Licence**); and

(b) A valid spectrum licence issued by Ofcom under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 (the **WTA Licence**) allowing the use of specific spectrum bands.

Under agreed working arrangements with Ofcom, the JCRA assesses local demand for spectrum, carries out any necessary application or assessment process and subsequently makes recommendations to Ofcom regarding the award, variation or withdrawal of spectrum licences.

This recommendation forms part of the JCRA's spectrum allocation framework for the 800 MHz to 2600 MHz bands. This was established following consultation on and publication of a Spectrum Strategy in April 2026 which included a decision to allow JT and Sure to apply for additional spectrum in the 800-2600 MHz bands.[1] This spectrum is available because it has not been previously licensed or is licensed to Jersey Airtel Limited but is being surrendered following Sure's acquisition of that company in 2024. The JCRA also published a Spectrum Allocation Framework in April 2026, setting out the application process, the criteria for assessing applications and terms associated with receiving

[1] [1] JCRA: T-105 Spectrum Strategy, Response to consultation and final Spectrum Strategy (22 April 2026) – see here for more information.

additional spectrum.[2] These terms are principally that applications must commit to improving service quality and coverage in return for receiving additional spectrum.

Sure applied for additional spectrum under that process. Following assessment, the JCRA has determined that Sure's application satisfies the requirements of the Spectrum Allocation Framework. Accordingly, the JCRA is pleased to recommend that Ofcom awards Sure the following additional spectrum allocation:

Band	Allocation	Frequencies
800 MHz	2 x 5 MHz paired	To be added to Sure's existing holding within the band
900 MHz	2 x 5 MHz paired	To be added to Sure's existing holding within the band
1800 MHz	2 x 15 MHz paired	To be added to Sure's existing holding within the band
2100 MHz	2 x 5 MHz paired	To be added to Sure's existing holding within the band

The Spectrum Allocation Framework allowed applicants to consider the potential allocations in requested spectrum bands and propose more efficient alternative arrangements for consideration. This has taken place, and the JCRA further recommends that Ofcom permits Sure to rearrange its resulting spectrum holding within the 800, 900, 1800 and 2100 MHz bands to create contiguous assignments as follows:

Band	Total holding following rearrangement	Frequencies
800 MHz	2 x 15 MHz paired	791-806 MHz uplink / 842-847 MHz downlink
900 MHz	2 x 15 MHz paired	880-895 MHz uplink / 925-940 MHz downlink
1800 MHz	2 x 35 MHz paired	1750-1785 MHz uplink / 1845-1880 MHz downlink
2100 MHz	2 x 20 MHz paired	1920-1940 MHz uplink / 2110-2130 MHz downlink

The JCRA notes that this rearrangement is contingent upon:

[2] JCRA: T-151 spectrum allocation of the 800-2600 MHz bands, Spectrum allocation framework and application process (22 April 2026) – see here for more information.

- the cooperation of Sure (Jersey) Limited in implementing an associated technical rearrangement of its own spectrum holdings;
- the relinquishment of Airtel (Jersey) Limited's existing assignment within the bands; and
- the completion of any necessary administrative, licensing and coordination activities required to implement the revised band plan.

The JCRA understands that both JT and Sure have agreed to cooperate in the proposed rearrangement process and will be making a request for Ofcom to vary their respective spectrum licences, contingent on the recommendations set out in this letter. The JCRA further understands that Airtel has agreed to surrender the relevant spectrum assignments required to implement the proposed rearrangement.

The JCRA believes that JT and Sure can liaise directly with Ofcom on the spectrum rearrangement process, which may include the issue of temporary licences to facilitate an appropriate transition period. The JCRA supports this approach and requests that Ofcom keep it informed of progress and any material developments associated with the rearrangement process.

The JCRA believes that the process followed in reaching this recommendation is consistent with its statutory duties and provides a suitable basis upon which Ofcom may be satisfied that the recommended licence changes are consistent with Ofcom's own statutory duties.

I trust this provides sufficient information for Ofcom to proceed with the necessary spectrum licensing activity. Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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