

POSTAL SERVICES COMMISSION

DECISION STATEMENT

GRANT OF LICENCE TO ALTERNATIVE MAIL AND PARCELS LIMITED

Summary

On 15 September 2004, the Postal Services Commission ("Postcomm") issued a consultation notice on the proposed grant of a licence to Alternative Mail and Parcels Limited (AMP). Representations on the granting of the licence were requested by 15 October 2004. One response was received, which raised no objection to the granting of the licence. Postcomm has decided to grant the licence to AMP.

Background

In May 2002, Postcomm published its decision on its market opening strategy. This described Postcomm's approach to introducing competition into the postal market over the four years from 1 January 2003, with the underlying aim of achieving full liberalisation by April 2007 through a phased transition plan.

A standard licence was published in December 2002 ("Licences under the Postal Services Act 2000: a further defined activity of tracked business-to-business services").

Consultation Notice

On 15 September 2004 Postcomm issued a consultation notice on the proposal to grant a standard licence to Alternative Mail and Parcels under Section 11 of the Postal Services Act 2000 ("the Act"). The notice requested views on Postcomm's proposal to grant this licence. Under the terms of the statutory notice, representations regarding the draft licence were requested by 15 October 2004.

The licence was for the following services:

- Conveyance of letters which originate from a single user at one address and which are mailings of 4000 items or more
- Consolidation of mailings for conveyance to Royal Mail Group plc and subsequent conveyance by Royal Mail Group plc
- Conveyance of tracked business-to-business mail.

Consultation Notice –Response

Postcomm received one response to the consultation, from Postwatch, the Consumer Council for Postal Services. This response was not described as being confidential, and raised no objection to the issuing of a licence.

Postcomm's Decision

Postcomm has decided to grant the licence to AMP, as it is satisfied that the grant of the licence to AMP is a proper exercise of its functions under the Act.

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