

POSTAL SERVICES ACT 2000
SECTIONS 11 AND 12
NOTICE
OF PROPOSAL TO GRANT A LICENCE TO
SECURICOR OMEGA EXPRESS LIMITED

Whereas –

- (1) Securicor Omega Express Limited a company incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 with registration number 02275780 having its registered office at Sutton Park House, 15 Carshalton Road Sutton Surrey, SM1 4LD (“the applicant”) 16 January 2002 applied for a licence under section 11 of the Postal Services Act 2000 (“the Act”) and paid the appropriate application fee.
- (2) The application concerns the provision by the Applicant of internal mail services to two clients of the Applicant in the banking sector pursuant to two contracts giving rise to annual revenue to the Applicant expected to not exceed £10 million.
- (3) The Postal Services Commission (“the Commission”) is minded subject to consultation to grant a licence to the Applicant.

The Commission therefore gives notice as follows –

1. The Commission proposes, subject to consideration of representations made in accordance with this notice and not withdrawn, to grant a licence under section 11 of the Act to the Applicant.
2. The provisions of the licence that the Commission proposes to grant to the Applicant are set out in the Annex to this Notice.
3. The reasons for the proposal of the Commission to grant a licence to the Applicant are that –

- (a) the Commission is of the view that the grant of the licence on the terms proposed will have no appreciable effect on the provision of a universal postal service in the United Kingdom and that if any such effect were to arise it would be adequately addressed by the safeguards described in the next paragraph,
- (b) the Commission is of the view that the grant of the licence will further the interests of users of postal services by promoting competition between postal operators, and
- (c) the grant of a licence on the terms proposed is consistent with –
 - (i) the Commission’s interim policy on the grant of licences set out in its Letter to Postcomm consultees headed Interim Approach to Licensing and dated 30 April 2001, and
 - (ii) the Commission’s proposals for promoting effective competition in UK postal services which were published in January 2002 and which, if adopted, will provide for licences for certain defined activities.

4. Safeguards for the universal service that are provided in the proposed form of licence are -

- (a) the short duration of the licence of one year from the date of grant, and
- (b) the restrictions on the activities that may be conducted pursuant to this licence set out in Condition 2 of the annexed draft.

5. Representations regarding the proposed licence may be made to the Commission within the period commencing on and including the date of this notice and ending on and including the thirtieth day after the date of this notice.

6. Representations regarding the proposed licence should be made in writing to –

The Postal Services Commission
Hercules House

Hercules Road
London SE1 7DB

Fax: 020 7593 2142

marked for the attention of Shahida Mukhtar or Ros Poulson.

7. Telephone enquiries regarding the proposed licence may be made to Shahida Mukhtar or Ros Poulson on 020 7593 2100.

Graham Corbett

Chairman

authorised by the Commission

Dated: 21 March 2002