

## POSTAL SERVICES COMMISSION

### DECISION STATEMENT

#### GRANT OF LICENCE TO UK MAIL LIMITED

##### Summary

On 30 April 2003, the Postal Services Commission ("Postcomm") issued a consultation notice on the proposed grant of a licence to UK Mail Limited ("UK Mail"). Representations on the granting of the licence were requested by 29 May 2003. Four representations were received, three of which supported the grant of the licence, and one of which made reference to the liberalisation of the UK market, but not specifically to UK Mail. Postcomm has decided to grant the licence to UK Mail.

##### 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").

On 30 April 2003 Postcomm issued a consultation notice on the proposal to grant a standard licence to UK Mail under Section 11 of the Postal Services Act 2000 ("the Act"). This sought views on Postcomm's proposal to grant this licence. Under the terms of the statutory notice, representations regarding the draft licence were requested by 29 May 2003.

The licence was for the following services:

- Consolidation of mailings for conveyance to Royal Mail Group plc and subsequent conveyance by Royal Mail Group plc.
- Postcomm received responses to the consultation, from Postwatch, Gwynedd Council and Perth & Kinross Council which all supported the issue of the licence. A response was also received from Neopost Limited, who made no comment on the proposed granting of a licence to UK Mail.

Postcomm is satisfied that the grant of the licence to UK Mail is a proper exercise of its functions under the Act.

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