

which BT will provide to residential customers limited voice telephony services at charges lower than those payable under BT's standard tariff. The draft guidelines provide that customers will be entitled to receive incoming calls and to make outgoing emergency calls and other outgoing calls as set out in the guidelines.

5. The Director also proposes to make modifications consequential on the principal modifications mentioned above.
6. The reasons why the Director proposes to make the modifications are as follows:

- (i) as regards those having the effect set out in paragraph 3(i) of this notice because he considers that it is appropriate that the requirement to display consumer information i public call boxes should be a licence condition;
- (ii) as regards those having the effect set out in paragraph 3(ii) because he considers that the existing provisions are unnecessarily complicated and do not provide for sufficient local involvement;
- (iii) as regards those having the effect set out in paragraph 3(iii) because he considers that the demand for temporary call boxes will be met by operators for commercial motives so that it is unnecessary to require this as a licence condition;
- (iv) as regards those having the effect set out in paragraph 3(iv) because he considers that the provision of new public call boxes, where it would not be undertaken for commercial reasons, is more appropriately dealt with through the criteria for the installation of new public call boxes to be developed under the terms of the new condition;
- (v) as regards those having the effect set out in paragraph 4 because he considers that the new Condition will encourage those without a telephone at home to obtain one and enable those with such a telephone to control their telephone expenditure.

7. The Director is required by section 12(2) of the Act to consider any representations or objections which are duly made and not withdrawn. Following such consideration and BT's consent to them, the Director proposes to make the modifications forthwith.
8. Representations or objections to the proposed modifications may be made to the Director and should be addressed to Paul West, OFTEL, 50 Ludgate Hill, London, EC4M 7JJ by 17th October 1997.
9. Any confidential material should be clearly marked as such and separated out into a confidential annex. All representations or objections received by OFTEL, with the exception of material marked confidential, will be made available for inspection in OFTEL's library. Comments on the document (if they are relatively short) can also be sent to OFTEL at the following e-mail address: [press.office.oftel@gt.net.gov.uk](mailto:press.office.oftel@gt.net.gov.uk).
10. The proposed modifications and draft guidelines are contained in a Statement on Universal Telecommunication Services issued by OFTEL on 30th July. A copy of the Statement or of the proposed modifications and draft guidelines can be obtained from Sylvia Smith at the above address (telephone 0171 634 8742).

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### RIVERS AGENCY

#### *Works Programme*

#### ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF WATERCOURSES 1997/98 – SUPPLEMENTARY LIST

The Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland hereby gives notice in pursuance of Regulation 5(1) of the Drainage (Environmental Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 of proposed routine maintenance works on the minor watercourses listed below.

Further details of the locations along the rivers concerned are available at the Rivers Agency's address below.

The work may include the following:

1. Necessary removal of channel silt and/or aquatic weed growth.
2. Removal of obstructions from the channel which restrict the free flow of water.
3. General maintenance of grilles, culverts, manholes, flap-valves and quays.
4. Construction, repair or protection of flood defences, revetments and watercourse structures.
5. Measures for the protection or rehabilitation of fishery, conservation or other interests.

The Department will carry out the work using environmentally sensitive river engineering techniques.

The Department reserves the right to alter the maintenance programme if required.

Having determined that the proposed works are not, by reason amongst other things of their nature, size or location likely to have significant environmental effects it is the Department's intention not to prepare an Environmental Statement.

In accordance with Regulation 5(1) (d) of the Regulations, representations may be made in writing to the Department at the address given below, with regard to its intention not to prepare an Environmental Statement. The closing date for receipt of representations is 24th October 1997.

The Department will consult with Conservation and Fisheries organisations on the works programme.

#### MINOR WATERCOURSE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 1997/98 (SUPPLEMENTARY LIST)

| <i>Catchment</i>  | <i>Works Length (km)</i> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Ballinderry       | 0.92                     |
| Bann, Upper       | 4.37                     |
| Blackstaff (Ards) | 5.14                     |
| Braid             | 0.91                     |
| Cusher            | 4.88                     |
| Lough Neagh       | 2.57                     |
| Millisle River    | 0.80                     |
| Strangford Lough  | 3.22                     |
| Tall              | 3.54                     |
| Torrent           | 0.75                     |
| Upper Bann        | <u>3.57</u>              |
|                   | 30.66                    |

Any representations may be sent to:

Department of Agriculture  
Rivers Agency  
Hydebank  
4 Hospital Road  
Belfast BT8 8JP

The Notice required to be given by Regulation 5(1) of the Drainage (Environmental Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 will also be found in 2 local newspapers appropriate to the area of each watercourse involved.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### THE SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 1992 AND THE JOBSEEKERS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1995

Notice is hereby given that in exercise of powers conferred on it by sections 122(1), 123(1)(e), 131(1), (3) and (4)(a) and (b), 133(2)(h) and 171(1) and (3) to (5) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 and Articles 6(5), 14(1), (2) and (4)(a) and (b), 15(3), 36(2) and 39 of the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the consent of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland, the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland has made regulations entitled the Income-Related Benefits and Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 (SR 1997 No. 412).