

## **Opening up the Premium Rate Services (“PRS”) Range ‘0904’**

A statement issued by the Director General of Telecommunications on proposals to open up the 0904 range for the PRS tariff ‘open ended time dependent charge or fixed fee’, and the necessary changes to the Numbering Conventions

### **Summary**

S.1 This Statement follows the Consultation Document entitled ‘Opening up the Premium Rate Services Range 0904’.

S.2 The Consultation Document set out Oftel’s proposals for opening up the 0904 range to accommodate future demands from telecoms operators for PRS number blocks within the tariff ‘open ended time dependent charge or fixed fee’.

S.3 The necessary changes to the Numbering Conventions were also set out in the Consultation Document, and are outlined in Annex A, below.

### **1. Background**

1.1 Oftel allocates blocks of 10,000 numbers to telecoms operators for PRS for the tariff - ‘open ended time dependent charge or fixed fee’ – from the ranges 0905 and 0906.

1.2 The 0905 and 0906 ranges are nearing exhaustion and Oftel needed to open up another range to accommodate demand from the telecoms industry.

1.3 The 0904 PRS range will provide a further 1,000 number blocks for possible 100 tariffs.

### **2. Responses to the Consultation**

2.1 Oftel received 9 responses to the Consultation. Eight respondents supported Oftel’s proposal and the other had no specific comments.

### **3. Oftel’s decision**

3.1 Oftel will open up the PRS range 0904 for the tariff – ‘open ended time dependent charge or fixed fee’.

3.2 Oftel will accept applications for 0904 ranges from eligible operators from 3 March 2003.

3.3 Oftel will reissue the Numbering Conventions to include the 0904 range for the tariff ‘open ended time dependent charge or fixed fee’, on 3 March 2003.

## 4. Revised Numbering Conventions

4.1 Convention A7.6 has been revised as follows:

“A7.6 In order to provide service and tariff meaning to callers, codes will be allocated with B-digits having the following significance:

0900/0901	Time charged calls up to and including 60ppm and total call cost not greater than £5 or fixed fee up to £1 per call.
0902/0903	Protected for PRS expansion.
0904/0905/0906	Open ended time dependent charge or fixed fee.
0907	Pay for product that costs more than £1 in total.
0908	Protected for PRS expansion.
0909	Sexual Entertainment PRS.”