

Title:

Mr

Forename:

Laurence

Surname:

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Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

What do you want Ofcom to keep confidential?:

Keep nothing confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:

You may publish my response on receipt

Additional comments:

Question 5.1: Do you agree with the assumptions set out in paragraph 5.86 above? If not, please set out your reasons.:

Yes

Question 6.1: Do you agree with our proposal to impose a regulatory condition on Royal Mail to require it to provide the universal service as set out above? If not, what alternative approach would you suggest?:

I for one see no reason for royal mail to delivery mail on a Saturday, therefore saving them and me, the public any price increases. If Royal Mail only deliver Monday - Friday surely they can reduce the work force by 1 in 6 and also make savings on there fleet, electric and gas and other costs/overheads. This in turn would off set the need to increase prices.

Question 6.2: Do you agree that a price control is not an appropriate option at present for regulating Royal Mail's prices? If not, please explain why and how a price control could be implemented effectively.:

As stated above, I believe most if not all households wouldn't miss a delivery of post on Saturday's therefore you could to some degree control prices. I also believe you should not allow other postal companies to 'Cherry Pick' the bulk mail, unless they are prepared to deliver this mail themselves or pay royal mail a better price for delivering this mail.

Question 6.3: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposals to put in place regulatory safeguards as described above? If not, please provide reasons.:

Yes

Question 6.4: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposals to put in place a monitoring regime? If not, please provide reasons.:

Yes

Question 6.5: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposals for an index-linked safeguard cap on standard letters from 45p to 55p? If not, please provide reasons.:

Yes

Question 6.6: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposal that the approach outlined above remains in place for seven years? If not, please provide reasons.:

No - Surely this should be reviewed yearly with royal mail

Question 7.1: Do you agree with our approach to assessing end-to-end competition? If not, please give your reasons.:

Yes

Question 7.2: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposals to impose an obligation on Royal Mail to provide access at the Inward Mail Centre? If not, please give reasons.:

Yes, but as stated earlier, only if the other mail companies pay a fair price for that right. This should be set by royal mail to ensure they can make a profit from this service.

Question 7.3: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposals in respect of regulating margin squeeze? If not, please give reasons.:

To a point, but the UK needs a postal service and one that all can access at a reasonable price.

Question 7.4: Do you agree with our approach concerning the Terms and Conditions for access, including the role of equivalence and the regulation of zonal pricing? If not, please give your reasons.:

Yes

Question 8.1: Do you agree with the objectives for regulatory financial reporting that we have set out above? Please provide details to support your response. :

No comment

Question 8.2: Do you agree that our regulatory financial reporting proposals, set out in this section and the supporting Annex, are appropriate and proportionate? Please provide reasons and evidence to support your views.:

No comment

Question 8.3: Do you agree with our proposals on the rules and requirements contained in the draft Regulatory Accounting Guidelines and do you consider that they are likely to provide an appropriate and proportionate level of cost transparency and accounting separation?:

No comment

Question 8.4: Do you agree with our proposals set out above in relation to accounting separation? Are there any further risks that you think Ofcom needs also to consider in making decisions in this area? To the extent that you consider there to be risks associated with our proposals, how do you consider they might best be addressed?:

No comment