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19 Deflector Licences Issued Regulator announces final licensing round

The Director of Telecommunications Regulation, Etain Doyle today (7th April 2000) announced that she has now issued 19 deflector licences under the licensing framework announced in November 1999 (see details attached). She also issued a licence to South Coast Community Television in December in response to an earlier application.

The Regulator also announced details of application procedures to apply for further licensing of television deflector operations. Further information and licence application forms are available from the ODTR.

She said “ I am aware that there remain a number of deflector operators who did not avail of the opportunity to apply for licences. In operating without a licence they are in breach of the Wireless Telegraphy Acts. As there appears to have been genuine difficulties affecting some of these I have decided therefore to provide a further opportunity for such groups to regularise their position. I will accept and deal with any applications, which are forwarded to me before 4th May 2000. Such applications will be considered on the same basis as before. This will be the final opportunity to apply for licences – there will be no further licensing rounds.”

Commenting on the licensing framework for defectors the Regulator said, “I am pleased that the process which I provided was capable of meeting the requirements of applicants in nearly all respects. Licensing was made possible only after detailed work on legal aspects surrounding television retransmission licensing.”

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Holders of Programme Services Distribution Licences issued pursuant to the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1926 and the Wireless Telegraphy (UHF Television Programme Retransmission) Regulations, 1999 S.I. 348 of 1999

| LICENSEE | ADDRESS |
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| Mr. John McLoone | Cornagrillagh, Glenties, Co. Donegal. |
| Mid Waterford Community Television Ltd | Kilnagrange. Kilmacthomas, Co. Waterford. |
| Mr. Thomas Gildea T.D. | Stranaglough, Glenties, Co. Donegal. |
| Coastal Multi Systems Ltd | Ballinamintra, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford. |
| Dropvale Ltd t/a Castlebar Multichannel Services | Newtown, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. |
| Mayo Community Television Ltd | Kiltimagh Road, Balla, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. |
| Mr. Thomas Nallen | American Street, Belmullet, Co. Mayo. |
| Mr. Manus Elliott | Doochary P.O., Donegal, Co. Donegal. |
| Mr. Jim Rafferty | Upper Maas, Glenties, Co. Donegal. |
| Mr. Ronald Sothern | Riverstown, Birr, Co. Offaly. |
| Loughrea Community Entertainments Ltd | c/o Michael Regan, Main Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway. |
| Mr. John McDonagh | Aidan Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo. |
| Cablephone Communications Ltd | 70 Capel Street, Dublin 1 |
| Mr. Packie Haughey | Cruckarra, Kilcar, Co. Donegal. |
| Mr. Seamus Doogan | Drimreagh, Kilcar, Co. Donegal |
| Duharra Ltd | 13 Mountain View, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo. |
| Cliffmount Ltd. | RLO TV, Norwich Union House, 17 Patrick Street, Limerick |
| Casey Cablevision Ltd | 8 Main Street, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. |
| Dunrally Company Ltd | c/o Donal O'Hagan & Co, Solicitors, Court House Square, Dundalk, Co Louth |

Details on the location of transmitters and the technical characteristics of their operation are available on the ODTR website as ODTR Doc No 00/25.