



Office of the Director of  
**Telecommunications  
Regulation**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **REGULATOR MAKES DEFLECTOR LICENCE OFFERS**

The Director of Telecommunications Regulation, Etain Doyle, today announced the results of the ODTR examination of 21 applications for television deflector licences. Details of the 19 successful applicants and the locations are set out in the attached table.

In December a total of 21 individuals and companies applied for 249 frequency channels. The Director was pleased that the applications received covered a wide geographic spread, as follows:

Donegal	6
Mayo	4
Waterford	3
Tipperary	2
Galway	1
Limerick	1
Louth	1
Offaly	1
Sligo	1

A further multi-site application covered proposed transmitters in a number of counties.

Of the applications received, 11 are being approved in full and a further 8 are being approved subject to modification in order to avoid interference with other licensed services.

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Under the licensing scheme the Regulator will make short-term licences available where there is broadcasting frequency available and the use of the spectrum applied for will not cause interference to other authorised services.

Successful applicants will have 21 days to respond indicating their acceptance of the offer and to complete pre-licensing requirements.

Licences will issue on satisfactory completion of the ODTR requirements.

Two applications are not being dealt with at this time in view of court proceedings being pursued by the Director to determine the validity of claims by MMDS Television Limited to exclusive retransmission rights in areas of counties Tipperary, Kilkenny, Carlow and Laois, along with parts of Waterford, Wexford, Wicklow, Kildare and Offaly.

The Director is very anxious to ensure the provision of competitive television services to as wide a section of the population as possible but regrets that she is not in a position at this time to process the two applications because of the ongoing litigation. She intends to pursue the matter vigorously and will have plans in place to deal with the situation at the earliest possible opportunity.

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### Details of Deflector Licences Offered

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Proposed Location of Transmitter(s)</b>
1	Mr. Manus Elliott, Doochary PO, Co. Donegal	Cleengort Hill, Co. Donegal
2	Mr. John McLoone, Cornagrillagh, Glenties, Co. Donegal	Ardun Hill, Co. Donegal
3	Mr Packie Haughey, Cruckarra, Kilcar, Co. Donegal	Churchtown, Kilcar, Co. Donegal
4	Mr. Seamus Doogan, Drimreagh, Kilcar, Co. Donegal	Drumreagh, Co. Donegal.
5	Mr. Jim Rafferty, Upper Maas, Glenties, Co. Donegal	Naran Hill, Portnoo, Co. Donegal
6	Mr. Ronald Sothern, Riverstown, Birr, Co. Offaly	Knocknaman, Co. Offaly.
7	Loughrea Community Entertainments Limited, Main Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway	Knockroe, Co. Galway *
8	Dunrally Company Limited, Court House Square, Dundalk, Co. Louth	Upper Faughart, Co. Louth

9	Cablephone Communications Ltd, c/o Cable Management Ireland Ltd., 70 Capel Street, Dublin 1	Keeper Hill, Co. Tipperary, * Wolftrap, Co. Laois, * Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, * Mt. Oriel, Co. Louth, * Slieve Bawn, Co. Roscommon, * Woodcock, Co. Clare, * Clashmore, Co. Waterford, * Cork Airport, Co Cork, * Nowen Hill, Co. Cork, * Knockanore, Co. Kerry, Mish Mt., Co. Kerry, Forth Mt., Co. Wexford,* Dunmurray Hill, Co. Kildare, * Ballyguile, Co. Wicklow, * Ballyfad, Co. Wexford, * Bweeng, Co. Cork, * Monaghan, Co. Monaghan, Three Rock Mt., Co. Dublin*
10	Tubbercurry Rural & District Multi-channel TV System, No. 13 Mountain View, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo	Tobertelly, Co. Sligo
11	Mid-Waterford Community Television Limited, Kilnagrange, Kilmacthomas, Co. Waterford	Coummahon, Co. Waterford*
12	Mr. John McDonagh, Aidan Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	Treenagleragh, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo
13	Mr. Thomas Gildea, TD, Stranaglough, Glenties, Co. Donegal	Loughcrillan Hill, Glenties, Co. Donegal.
14	Casey Cablevision Ltd, Youghal Road, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford	Barranaleaha, Co. Waterford*
15	Coastal Multi Systems Limited, Ballinamintra, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford	Harristown, Dunmore East Co. Waterford, * Passage East, Co. Waterford, Ballyfasy, Co. Kilkenny, Ballinaclare, Co. Kilkenny*
16	Mrs Kitty Howley, 7 Turlough Road, Castlebar, Co. Mayo	Tawnycullawee Co. Mayo*

17	Mayo Community Television Limited, Kiltimagh Road, Balla, Castlebar, Co. Mayo	Kilcummin, Co. Mayo Killasser, Co. Mayo Largan Hill, Co. Mayo Newport, Co. Mayo Curraun, Co. Mayo Sandyhill, Westport, Co. Mayo Farnaght, Westport, Co. Mayo Cuilmore, Co. Mayo Greenmount, Co. Mayo
18	Mr. Thomas Nallen, American Street, Belmullet, Co. Mayo	Tarmon, Blacksod, Co. Mayo, Bangor Erris, Co. Mayo, Bunmore, Ballycroy, Co. Mayo Porturlin, Curratigue, Co. Mayo, Dooncarton, Pulathomas, Ballina, Co. Mayo
19	Cliffmount Ltd, RLOTV, 17 Patrick Street, Limerick	Newcastle West, Co. Limerick,* Knockfeerina, Co. Limerick,* Woodcock Hill, Co. Clare*

\* = Modified Approval