



Subject: Approval of Batelco's Payphone project

License: National Fixed Services License (NFL)

Reference: CCA/1205/160

Date: 3 December 2005

On the basis of information supplied to the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the Kingdom of Bahrain ("the Authority") in relation to Batelco's proposal for the removal of 427 of Batelco's Payphones ("the Proposal"), and taking into account the information provided by Batelco to the Authority concerning the public consultation held by Batelco with regard to the Proposal and the feedback received as mentioned in Batelco's letter (ref: CL/756/05) dated 21 November 2005, the Authority - in accordance with condition 5.5 of the National Fixed Services License - hereby approves the removal of the payphones attached herewith (annex 1).

This approval is granted on the basis that all material facts have been disclosed to the TRA by Batelco. Should new information which may have a material impact on the Proposal come to the TRA's attention by Batelco or third parties, the TRA may reassess the Proposal, which may lead to this approval being revoked or modified, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies which may be open to the TRA.

This approval is limited to the Proposal and it is up to Batelco to ensure compliance with all relevant laws that may be applicable to it. In providing this approval, the TRA in no way endorses the Proposal as complying with all relevant laws outside of the TRA's jurisdiction.

This approval does not cover the payphone with circuit number 17232791, and hence Batelco cannot remove the payphone in question.

In accordance with condition 5.5 of the National Fixed Services License granted to Batelco, Batelco is required to display a notice on each of the above-mentioned payphones in Arabic and English, stating that the payphone in question will be withdrawn from service not less than sixty (60) days before the service is withdrawn.

(Signed)
A. Andreas Avgousti
General Director