

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the matter of the Public Utilities Commission Act 1990 (No. 26 of 1990)

- and -

In the matter of the objection by the Caribbean Telecommunications Limited to the provision of wireless local loop telephone system by the Guyana Telephone and Telegraph Company Limited.

PAMADATH J. MENON, A.A.	-	CHAIRMAN
HUGH GEORGE	-	MEMBER
JOHN WILLEMS, A.A.	-	MEMBER
ERROL HANOMAN	-	MEMBER
A.M.B. SANKIES	-	MEMBER

REPRESENTATION -

The Caribbean Telecommunications Limited	-	Dr Lloyd Soobrian and Mr Clem Duncan.
The Guyana Telephone & Telegraph Company Limited	-	Mr Joseph Sanders, Attorney-at-Law.
The Guyana Consumers' Association	-	Miss Lily Ferdinand, Attorney-at-Law.
The Guyana Consumers' Advisory Bureau	-	Miss Eileen Cox, Vice-Chairman.

D E C I S I O N

This matter was heard on the 14th November, 1996.

2. By letter dated 25th October, 1996, the Caribbean Telecommunications Limited ("CTL") has objected to the provision of wireless local loop telephone system by the Guyana Telephone and Telegraph Company Limited ("GT&T"). However, Dr Soobrian, who represented CTL, admitted that in the case of wireless local loop telephone system the message is conveyed by means of radio frequency and that if the Government allocates a person a radio frequency and allows him to operate a radio telephone, he can operate a wireless local loop telephone system.

3. In the light of the above concession, and the provisions of Annexure E of the Agreement dated 18th June, 1990, between the Government of Guyana and the Atlantic Tele-Network Inc., and the Licence dated 19th December, 1990, granted to GT&T under the Telecommunications Act 1990 (No. 28 of 1990), it is clear that GT&T is entitled to provide telephone service by wireless local loop system.

O R D E R

In view of the above, the objection raised by CTL is rejected.

5. Dr Soobrian of CTL contended that GT&T has no monopoly in providing the above service and Ms Eileen Cox of the Consumers' Advisory Bureau and Miss Lily Ferdinand, Legal Counsel representing the Guyana Consumers' Association, raised questions regarding security and suitability in relation to the wireless local loop telephone system. These matters do not arise directly from the objection raised by CTL's letter dated 25th October, 1996. If these matters are raised separately, the Commission will consider them.

Dated at Georgetown, Guyana,

this 21st day of November, 1996.

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