STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 2770

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Public Telecommunications System Designation (First Telecom plc) Order 1997

Made	20th November 1997
Laid before Parliament	24th November 1997
Coming into force	23rd December 1997

Whereas the Secretary of State has granted to First Telecom plc on 21 April 1997 a licence ("the Licence") under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984(1)("the Act"), to which section 8 of the Act applies, for the running of the telecommunication systems specified in the Licence ("the Applicable Systems"):

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on her by section 9 of the Act, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Public Telecommunication System Designation (First Telecom plc) Order 1997 and shall come into force on 23rd December 1997.

2. Each of the Applicable Systems is hereby designated as a public telecommunication system.

Barbara Roche, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Small Firms, Trade and Industry Department of Trade and Industry

20th November 1997

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Secretary of State granted to First Telecom plc on 21 April 1997 a licence under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 to run the telecommunication systems specified in the licence. A copy of the licence was laid before Parliament on 24th November 1997. This Order designates those telecommunication systems as public telecommunication systems. Consequently, by virtue of section 9(3) of that Act, First Telecom plc will be a public telecommunications operator when this Order comes into force on 23rd December 1997.

A copy of the licence may be obtained from the Office of Telecommunications, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7JJ.