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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 889**

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**The Public Telecommunication System Designation  
(COLT Telecommunications) Order 1997**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>17th March 1997</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>19th March 1997</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>17th April 1997</i>

Whereas the Secretary of State has granted to COLT Telecommunications on 18th December 1996 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 him by section 9 of the Act, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Public Telecommunication System Designation (COLT Telecommunications) Order 1997 and shall come into force on 17th April 1997.
2. Each of the Applicable Systems is hereby designated as a public telecommunication system.

17th March 1997

*Ian Taylor,*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for  
Science and Technology,  
Department of Trade and Industry

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The Secretary of State granted to COLT Telecommunications on 18th December 1996 a licence under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 to run the telecommunication systems specified in the licence in the United Kingdom. A copy of the licence was laid before Parliament on 19th March 1997. This Order designates those telecommunication systems as public telecommunication systems. Consequently, by virtue of section 9(3) of that Act, COLT Telecommunications will be a public telecommunications operator in respect of the Telecommunication systems run under that licence when this Order comes into force on 17th April 1997.

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