STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 1998 No. 164

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

The Public Telecommunication System Designation (The Phone Company) Order 1998

Made	27th January 1998
Laid before Parliament	29th January 1998
Coming into force	27th February 1998

Whereas the Secretary of State has granted to The Phone Company on 4 September 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 (The Phone Company) Order 1998 and shall come into force on 27th February 1998.

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

27th February 1997

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Secretary of State granted to The Phone Company on 4th September 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 29th January 1998. This Order designates those telecommunication systems as public telecommunication systems. Consequently, by virtue of section 9(3) of that Act, The Phone Company will be a public telecommunications operator when this Order comes into force on 27th January 1998.

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