STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 3231

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Public Telecommunication System Designation (Metromedia Fiber Network UK Limited) Order 1999

Made - - - - 4th December 1999
Laid before Parliament 7th December 1999
Coming into force - - 5th January 2000

Whereas the Secretary of State has granted to Metromedia Fiber Network UK Limited on 7th October 1999 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 (Metromedia Fiber Network UK Limited) Order 1999 and shall come into force on 5th January 2000.
 - **2.** Each of the Applicable Systems is hereby designated as a public telecommunication system.

Patricia Hewitt

Minister of State for Small Business and E

Commerce,

Department of Trade and Industry

4th December 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Secretary of State granted to Metromedia Fiber Network UK Limited a licence on 7th October 1999 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 7th December 1999. This Order designates those telecommunication systems as public telecommunication systems. Consequently, by virtue of section 9(3) of that Act, Metromedia Fiber Network UK Limited will be a public telecommunications operator when the Order comes into force on 5th January 2000.

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