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**1999 No. 3240**

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**The Public Telecommunication System Designation  
(VIA Net Works UK Ltd) 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 VIA Net Works UK Ltd on 25th June 1999 a licence (“the Licence”) under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984<sup>(a)</sup> (“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 (VIA Net Works UK Ltd) 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.

4th December 1999

*Patricia Hewitt*  
Minister of State  
for Small Business and E-Commerce,  
Department of Trade and Industry

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<sup>(a)</sup> 1984 c. 12.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

The Secretary of State granted to VIA Net Works UK Ltd a licence on 25th June 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, VIA Net Works UK Ltd 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.

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