

## **AIRWAVE MM02 APPROVED USERS LIST (“SHARERS LIST”)**

### **APRIL 2002 APPLICATIONS - DECISION**

The Telecommunications Act licence held by Airwave MM02 authorises them to run the radiocommunications network for a specified group of emergency service users; the largest of which is the Police. The user group (or “sharers list”) consists of a specified list of government approved users and Airwave MM02 can only provide the Airwave service to user groups that are on the list. The licence provides for additions to be made to the list at the discretion of the Secretary of State, subject to a consultation period of not less than 28 days.

It should be stressed that being on the list does not automatically mean that the user group will take up the Airwave service; any service provider could equally offer to provide radiocommunications for any of the groups on the list.

All applications were assessed against agreed criteria developed to ensure that users had a genuine operational requirement to have instant one-to-one communication with Emergency Services (defined as those organisations permitted to carry blue lights on their vehicles).

In April 2002, the DTI consulted on applications from nine organisations wishing to be added to the sharer’s list. This was the first consultation under a revised procedure, approved in February 2002, that standardised the format of applications and required that they be placed on the DTI’s website to facilitate wider scrutiny. The consultation summarised each application and gave a preliminary decision on whether each user group met the criteria. The consultation closed in May 2002.

A summary of the result and a copy of the revised list are attached. Because of the comprehensive nature of this list, it is not expected that significant numbers of additional organisations will be added to the list in the future.

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## RESULT

<b>User Group</b> <b>(no of users in group/no in organisation)</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Approved?</b>	<b>Reason/comments</b>
Event Response Team Personnel (1,800/20,000)	Water Industry (1)	YES	Require instant and direct one-to-one communications with Blue Light Emergency Services.  Statutory obligations include requirement for dedicated emergency communication facilities and liaison with (among others) the Police and other emergency handling bodies on the details of emergency plans.
Integrated Incident Management Personnel (1,600/4,760)	Highways Agency	YES	Attend emergencies (most often road traffic accidents) at the request of the Emergency Services.  Request based on the need for real time one-to-one communication with Police officers at the scene of the emergency.  Support from M25 Integrated Police Group.
Flood Defence Officers Flood Defence Engineers Navigation Officers (600/7,500)	Environment Agency	YES	Require instant and direct one-to-one communications with Blue Light Emergency Services in emergency situations.  Flood Defence Emergency Response Project Report includes requirement for integrated incident management at local level between Police, Fire and the Environment Agency.

RSPCA Inspectors RSPCA Animal Collection Officers (500/660)	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	YES	One-to-one communication required with Police officers and Fire Service in animal rescues. Liaison with the Police in dealing with road traffic accidents and dangerous animals. Also written into many local and regional emergency plans.  Supported by two police forces.
Roads Maintenance Personnel (500/2000)	Highlands Council	YES	Require one-to-one direct and instant communication with Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel in emergency situations and extreme weather conditions associated with the sparsely populated Highlands of Scotland.
Street Lighting Personnel Environmental Health Dog Wardens (500/2000)	Highlands Council	NO	Lack of evidence of need for instant and direct communications with emergency services officers. Some mention of street light failure/knock-downs but no explanation of the work of the Dog Wardens or their emergency communication requirements.
Transco Gas Emergency Services Personnel (3,500/10,000)	TRANSCO (part of the Lattice Group)	YES	The proposed user group responds to emergencies (i.e. gas leaks) and works closely with Police Officers and Fire Fighters at the scene of emergencies involving gas.  Evidence was given of the need for one-to-one instant communications with Emergency Services personnel on a regular basis.

<p>Rapid Response Teams (200/26,000)</p> <p>Linesmen/Cable jointers (5,500/26,000)</p> <p>Operational Managers/Engineers (700/26,000)</p> <p>Emergency Co-ordination staff (200/26,000)</p> <p>Control Rooms and Control Engineers (200/26,000)</p> <p>Generating station Emergency Response Staff (200,26,000)</p>	<p>Electricity Association</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>The application contained good examples of the types of emergencies that the organisation deals with on a regular basis but it lacked sufficient detail on the requirements of each user group.</p> <p>It is possible that some of the groups put forward could be appropriate users of the Airwave Network but a much stronger case needs to be made for each group and must be based on individual's need to speak directly and instantly to Emergency Services personnel (Police/Ambulance/Fire). The case for operational staff such as cable jointers and linesmen appears particularly weak on the information given so far.</p>
<p>Emergency Response Teams</p>	<p>Nuclear Industry (2)</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>Users of the National Nuclear Accident Response Communication System (NNARCS) replacement are already approved users. These new proposed users perform the same function as those already approved but are not included under the current definition because NNARCS is not used at these sites. The operational need of these additional, identical user groups is accepted.</p>

<p>Neighbourhood Wardens  Borough Police  Parish Constables  Safe and Clean Teams  Urban Rangers  Community Safety Officers  Community Support Officers  Investigating Officers  Detention Officers  Escort Officers</p>	<p>Government or Local Authority funded and managed Uniformed Street Wardens</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>These groups could be covered under the term “Privatised Police Patrols”, which is already included on the approved list. However, for transparency a formal application was made. These groups essentially perform the same or very similar function to that of beat police officers. Their need for communications with Police Officers is therefore the same as that of Police Officers.</p> <p>These group names will replace “Privatised Police Patrols” to accurately and clearly list the Groups that are approved users.</p> <p>Note: “DTLR” no longer exists following a reorganisation of Government departments. “Government” reflects the fact that various Departments are now responsible for these functions.</p>
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(1) WATER INDUSTRY MEMBERS

Anglian Water Services Ltd  
Bournemouth & West Hants Water plc  
Bristol Water plc Welsh Water  
Cambridge Water plc Northumbrian Water Ltd  
Dee Valley Water plc  
Essex & Suffolk Water plc  
Folkestone & Dover Water Ltd  
Hartlepool Water plc  
Mid Kent Water plc  
North West Water Ltd  
Portsmouth Water plc  
Severn Trent Water Systems Ltd

South East Water plc  
South Staffordshire Water plc  
South West Water Services Ltd  
Southern Water Services Ltd  
Sutton & East Surrey Water plc  
Tendring Hundred Water Services Ltd  
Thames Water Utilities Ltd  
Three Valleys Water plc  
Wessex Water Services Ltd  
Yorkshire Water Services Ltd  
Scottish Water

(2) NUCLEAR INDUSTRY MEMBERS

British Energy Generation Ltd  
British Energy Generation (UK) Ltd  
BNFL  
BNFL Magnox Generation

## ANNEX B

### **THE LIST OF SHARERS (May 2003)**

Adjutant General's Corps - Provost Branch

Air Ambulance

Air and Land Search and Rescue Organisations

Airport Fire Brigade

Allied Forces based in or transiting the UK and, while in the UK, are performing identical functions to those others on the list of sharers

Ambulance services of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

Armaments Transport operations

Armed forces Bomb disposal teams

Army Ambulance

Army Air Corps Air Traffic Controllers and Air Station Operations

Army Fire

Army regional Brigades:

- 51 (Highland) Brigade
- 42 (North West) Brigade
- 143 (West Mercia) Brigade
- 43 (Wessex) Brigade
- 145 (Home Counties) Brigade
- 52 (Lowland) Brigade
- 15 (North East) Brigade
- 160 (Wales) Brigade
- 49 (East) Brigade
- 2 (South East) Brigade
- HQ Northern Ireland
- HQ London
- 2 Signal Brigade

Atomic Weapons Establishment

British Transport Police

Borough Parks Police

CCTV control rooms (where there is a need to have CCTV information put through directly to Blue Light Emergency Services users)

Coastguard Service

Defence Fire Service

Donor organ and transplant team transport

Customs & Excise Enforcement Branch and National Investigation Service

Environmental Agency Enforcement Officers  
Environment Agency Environmental Crime Unit  
Environment Agency Flood Defence Engineers  
Environment Agency Flood Defence Officers  
Environment Agency Navigation Officers  
Fire Brigades of England, Scotland Wales and Northern Ireland  
Firing Range Security  
Fraud Investigation Section of Department of Social Security  
Highways Agency Integrated Incident Management Personnel  
Highlands Council Roads Maintenance Personnel  
Home Office Fire & Emergency Planning fire appliances and assigned personnel  
Home Office Immigration Service Intelligence & Investigation Unit  
Government or Local Authority funded and managed Uniformed Street Wardens [1]  
Immediate Care Schemes (eg BASICS)  
Inland Revenue Special Compliance Office  
Intelligence Corps  
Joint Service Liaison (Emergency)  
Local Authority Emergency Planning Departments  
MOD Guard Service  
MOD Police  
MOULD replacement  
Control Rooms in Naval Establishments  
Navy Ambulance  
Navy Fire  
Navy Police  
NHS Community Trust Staff  
NHS Hospital Trust Staff  
NHS Primary Care Groups and Primary Care Trusts  
Nuclear Accident Response Organisation (NARO)  
Nuclear Industry [2] Emergency Response Teams  
On-site Fire Services (Magnox and BNFL sites)  
Patient Transport Services  
Police forces of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland  
Ports Police  
Post Office Security and Investigation Service



Prison Service  
Private Ambulance Services  
Private Prisoner Transport  
Privatised Police Patrols (including stadia and complexes)  
RAF Ambulance  
RAF Air Traffic Controllers and Air Station Operations and Security  
RAF St Athan  
RAF Aldergrove  
RAF Cottesmore  
RAF Crash Response Organisation  
RAF Fire  
RAF Leuchars  
RAF Linton  
RAF Lyneham  
RAF Nuclear Accident Response Organisation  
RAF Odiham  
RAF Police  
RAF Provost & Security Service  
RAF Regiment  
RAF Search and Rescue  
RAF Shawbury  
RAF Uxbridge  
RN Air Stations: Prestwick  
                          Culdrose  
                          Yeovil  
RN Naval Operations and Security  
RNLI  
Royal Marines  
Royal Marines Police  
Royal Military Police  
Royal Parks Constabulary  
RSPCA Inspectors  
RSPCA Animal Collection Officers  
Security Service  
Special Forces  
UK activities of the Tactical Communications Wing

Traffic Wardens

Transco Gas Emergency Services Personnel

UK Immigration Service - Ports and Enforcement Directorate

UKAEA Constabulary

Volunteer First Responders

Waterway, Tunnel and Airport Police

Water Industry [3] Event Response Team Personnel

## NOTES

- [1] “Government or Local Authority funded and managed Uniformed Street Wardens” covers specifically:

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Northumbrian Water Ltd	Tendring Hundred Water Services Ltd
Dee Valley Water plc	Thames Water Utilities Ltd
Essex & Suffolk Water plc	Three Valleys Water plc
Folkestone & Dover Water Ltd	Wessex Water Services Ltd
Hartlepool Water plc	Yorkshire Water Services Ltd
Mid Kent Water plc	Scottish Water
North West Water Ltd	
Portsmouth Water plc	
Severn Trent Water Systems Ltd	