STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 82

RATING AND VALUATION

Valuation (Telecommunications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

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Coming into operation 1st April 1997

The Department of Finance and Personnel(**1**) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 37(4) of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**2**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Valuation (Telecommunications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1997.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

(a) any reference to hereditaments used for any purpose includes a reference to hereditaments which are unused but in relation to which it appears that when next in use they will be used for such a purpose;

(b) any reference to a company by name is a reference to that company registered by or bearing that name at the date its name is entered in the valuation list.

British Telecommunications Plc

3. Anything which would (apart from these Regulations) be more than one hereditament shall be treated as one hereditament if it is—

(a) occupied by or, if unoccupied, owned by British Telecommunications plc; and

(b) occupied by posts, wires, underground cables and ducts, telephone kiosks, towers, masts, switching equipment, or other equipment, or easements, or wayleaves, being property used

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Finance. *See*S.I.1982/338 (N.I. 6) Article 3

(**2**) S.I. 1977/2157 (N.I. 28); Article 37(4) was substituted by Article 6(1) of the Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/3162 (N.I. 25))