

Guyana introduces competition in mobile services

Guyana introduced competition in mobile services with the launch of new operator Cel Star on 19 November 2004, reported the Government Information Agency of Guyana. The incumbent operator, Guyana Telephone and Telegraph Company (GT&T), no longer holds a monopoly in the mobile segment. In 2001, the Government announced its intention to introduce competition in the telecommunications sector and awarded Cel Star a mobile license.

According to the press release, Cel Star—under its U mobile brand, will start providing free on-network calls for its post-paid customers, while it awaits for tariff approval from the Public Utilities Commission. Regular service was scheduled to start on 11 December 2004. The Government also indicated that competition in other segments, such as international calling, would start soon. It noted that many business opportunities have been lost in Guyana due to high tariffs and poor service from GT&T, which still holds a monopoly in fixed telecommunications.

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