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PRESS INFORMATION

FCS Green Award goes to The Phone Co-op

The Phone Co-op has been recognised by the Federation of Communications Services for its efforts in addressing environmental issues for the second year running.

The co-operative won the FCS Green Award for large business, having last year won the same award in the small business category.

Chair of the judging panel Vic Clements of Oakmead Consulting commented, "The FCS Green awards exist to encourage the communications industry to address environmental issues and to recognise those companies who are making real progress in reducing the adverse environmental impacts of their business processes, products and services. The 'Large Business' award was open to companies with 50+ employees and the standard this year was encouraging with entrants scoring well across all criteria."

Vivian Woodell, chief executive of The Phone Co-op, commented, "This is a testament to our efforts to be pioneers in the area of environmental awareness, and in improving our practice, as well as in measuring what we do so that we can improve it further. It underlines how the combined impact of lots of small decisions, on how to travel or to ensure that computers and lights are turned off when they are not being used, can make a big difference."

Notes for editors:

1 The **Federation of Communication Services** (FCS) is the Trade Association for the communication services sector representing companies delivering products and services by means of radio, mobile, fixed and IP telephony. For more information visit www.fcs.org.uk

2 **The Phone Co-op** is the UK's only telecommunications co-operative, procuring telecommunications services on behalf of its customers, many of whom are co-operatives, charities and other not-for-profit organisations. The Phone Co-op's service has been taken up by over 15,000 customers, including Midcounties, Channel Islands, Southern, East of England, and Radstock Co-operative Societies, Suma Wholefoods, Christian Aid, Amnesty International, Triodos Bank, the Centre for Alternative Technology, Manchester City Council and Unison. As a co-operative owned by its customer members, The Phone Co-op distributes any profits which are not re-invested back to members via a dividend based on each member's spend and through a loan fund which supports other co-operatives. For more information, visit www.thephone.coop

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