



**INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF SSE WATER LIMITED  
AS A WATER AND SEWERAGE UNDERTAKER**

This publication contains the full text of the Instrument of Appointment of SSE Water Limited as a water and sewerage undertaker.

It was made by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sections 6,7,11 & 12 of the Water Industry Act 1991.

The text on which this is based, including full scale maps of the area of appointment, is held in the Ofwat register and may be inspected during normal office hours at Ofwat, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Centre City Tower, 7, Hill St, Birmingham, B5 4UA, Telephone number: 0121 625 1300

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**WATER SERVICES REGULATION AUTHORITY  
WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991, SECTIONS 6 TO 9 AND 11**

**Appointment of SSE Water Limited as a Water and Sewerage Undertaker  
and Variation of the Appointment of Wessex Water Services Limited as a  
Water and Sewerage Undertaker**

Made on 1 October 2007  
Coming into effect on 2 October 2007

1. SSE Water Limited ("SSE Water") has applied under section 7(4)(b) of the Water Industry Act 1991 ("the Act") to be appointed as the water and sewerage undertaker for a site at The Portway, Old Sarum, Salisbury, Wiltshire that is currently within the Water Supply Area and the Sewerage Services Area of Wessex Water Services Limited ("Wessex Water").
2. On 27 June 1995, the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Wales acting jointly and pursuant to sections 6(1) and 7(2) of the Act authorised the Director General of Water Services<sup>1</sup> to make appointments and variations such as those contained in paragraphs 3 and 5 below.
3. Therefore, as provided by sections 6(1) and 7(2) and (4)(b) of the Act, the Water Services Regulation Authority **appoints** SSE Water ("**the Appointee**") to be the water undertaker for the area described in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 and to be the sewerage undertaker for the area described in paragraph 2 of Schedule 1.
4. The appointments made in paragraph 3 ("**the Appointments**") are subject to the conditions set out in Schedule 2.
5. In consequence of the Appointments, the Water Services Regulation Authority **varies**—
  - (a) the Appointment of Wessex Water as a water undertaker so that the area described in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 is excluded from Wessex Water's Water Supply Area; and
  - (b) the Appointment of Wessex Water as a sewerage undertaker so that the area described in paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 is excluded from Wessex Water's Sewerage Services Area.

**Signed for and on behalf of the  
Water Services Regulation Authority**

**Regina Finn  
Chief Executive**

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<sup>1</sup> With effect from 1 April 2006 the functions of the Director General of Water Services were transferred to the Water Services Regulation Authority in accordance with section 36 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Water Act 2003.

**SCHEDULE 1:           Area for which the Appointments are made**

1.     The Water Supply Area

The area for which the Appointee is appointed to be the water undertaker ("**the Water Supply Area**") comprises the area shown edged and coloured blue in the Water Supply Area Map accompanying and forming part of this instrument.

2.     The Sewerage Services Area

The area for which the Appointee is appointed to be the sewerage undertaker ("**the Sewerage Services Area**") comprises the area shown edged and coloured blue in the Sewerage Services Area Map accompanying and forming part of this instrument.

## **SCHEDULE 2: Conditions of the Appointment**

### **Condition A: Interpretation and Construction**

1. Unless the contrary intention appears:
  - (1) words and expressions used in these Conditions and references in these Conditions to enactments shall be construed as if they were in an Act of Parliament and the Interpretation Act 1978 applied to them;
  - (2) references in these Conditions to enactments shall include any statutory modification thereof after 1 October 2007;
  - (3) words and expressions used in these Conditions shall have the same meaning as in any provision of the Act;
  - (4) references in these Conditions to sections and Schedules are references to sections of, and Schedules to, the Act; and
  - (5) references in these Conditions to paragraphs are references to paragraphs of the Condition in which the reference appears and references to sub-paragraphs are references to sub-paragraphs of the paragraph in which the reference appears.
2. In construing these Conditions:
  - (1) the heading or title of any Condition or of any paragraph of any Condition shall be disregarded; and
  - (2) any description of the purposes of a Condition shall be construed subject to the provisions of the rest of the Condition in which that description appears.
3. Unless the context otherwise requires, in these Conditions:

**"the Act"** means the Water Industry Act 1991;

**"the 1985 Act"** means the Companies Act 1985;

**"the 1991 Act"** means the Water Resources Act 1991;

**"the Appointed Business"** means the business consisting of the carrying out by the Appointee of the Regulated Activities;

**"the Area"** means the area for which for the time being the Appointee holds the appointment as water undertaker, or as the case may be, sewerage undertaker;

**"Associated Company"** means any Group Company or Related Company;

**"the Auditors"** means the Appointee's auditors for the time being appointed in

accordance with the 1985 Act;

**"books and records"** means any and all books, records, files, maps, plans, documents, papers, accounts, estimates, returns and other data of whatsoever nature and whether or not created, recorded or maintained in a document;

**"Charging Year"** means a year commencing on 1st April;

**"domestic customer"** means the occupier of domestic premises;

**"domestic premises"** means any premises used wholly or partly as a dwelling or intended for such use;

the **"effective date"** means 2 October 2007;

**"financial year"** means a financial year of the Appointee beginning and ending on the respective dates referred to in section 223 of the 1985 Act;

**"Group Company"** means any subsidiary or holding company of the Appointee and any subsidiary of any holding company of the Appointee (other than the Appointee);

**"the Incumbent"** means in relation to any particular part of the Area the company that was the water undertaker or, as the case may be, the sewerage undertaker before the Appointee became the water undertaker or, as the case may be, the sewerage undertaker for that particular part of the Area or such other company or companies as the Water Services Regulation Authority may determine to be appropriate.

**"Information"** means information which is in the possession of the person required to furnish it or which it can reasonably obtain or which it can reasonably prepare from information which is in its possession or which it can reasonably obtain, and information which is required to be furnished under any of these Conditions shall be furnished, subject to the provisions of the Condition under which that information is required to be furnished, in such form and manner as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require;

**"Periodic Review"** means a review of the Appointed Business carried out under paragraph 9 or 11 of Condition B, but so that references in Part IV of Condition B to a Periodic Review shall exclude any review carried out under paragraph 11 of that Condition and shall include the determination by the Competition Commission of the relevant questions or, as the case may be, the disputed determination referred to it under paragraph 16 of Condition B following the giving of Information to the Water Services Regulation Authority in accordance with paragraph 9;

**"Prior Year"** means the year commencing 1st April immediately prior to the relevant Charging Year;

**"Reference Notice"** means a notice given to the Water Services Regulation Authority under paragraph 11 or 14 of Condition B;

**"the Regional Committee"** means the regional committee to which the Appointee is allocated under section 27A;

**"the Regulated Activities"** means the functions of a water undertaker or, as the case may be, a sewerage undertaker and, for the avoidance of doubt, references to the functions of a water undertaker or, as the case may be, a sewerage undertaker shall include references to the duties imposed on a water undertaker or, as the case may be, a sewerage undertaker;

**"Related Company"** means any body corporate in which the Appointee or any Group Company has a participating interest within the meaning of section 260 of the 1985 Act or which has such a participating interest in the Appointee or any Group Company;

**"Relevant Premises"** means any office premises occupied by the Appointee in relation to the Appointed Business and to which members of the public have access;

**"the Retail Prices Index"** means the Retail Prices Index published by the Office for National Statistics each month in respect of all items or, if the said index for the month of November is not published by 31st December next following, such index for such month as the Water Services Regulation Authority may not later than 7th January next following determine to be appropriate in the circumstances, after such consultation with the Appointee as is reasonably practicable, and in such a case references to the Retail Prices Index shall be construed for the purpose of all subsequent calculations for which the value of the Retail Prices Index for that year is relevant as references to that other index;

**"Review Charging Year"** means the first of the Charging Years in respect of which any Periodic Review is carried out;

**"the Review Notice Date"** means the first day of January which is fifteen months before the first day of the Review Charging Year;

**"Sewerage Infrastructure Charge"** means such a charge as is described in section 146(2)(b);

**"Water Infrastructure Charge"** means such a charge as is described in section 146(2)(a);

4. Any notification required or permitted to be given under any Condition shall be given in writing and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly.
5. Where only one of the Appointments is terminated, so much of the provisions of these Conditions as applies or is relevant exclusively to the Appointment which has been so terminated or to the activities of an undertaker holding an appointment of the kind which has been so terminated shall cease to have effect as from the date on which the termination of that Appointment takes place.

6. The Appointee may refer to the Water Services Regulation Authority for determination by it (having considered any representations by the Appointee and any other water undertaker or as the case may be, sewerage undertaker) any question arising as to whether any area, island, premises or installation is, or, as the case may be, are, comprised within the Water Supply Area or, as the case may be, the Sewerage Services Area, as those expressions are defined in Schedule 1 to this instrument.



## Condition B: Charges

### Part I. *Explanatory Provisions*

#### 1. *Introduction*

The purposes of this Condition are set out in the following sub-paragraphs.

- 1.1 To limit increases in standard charges made by the Appointee for the supply of water, the provision of sewerage services and the reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent. The weighted average increase is limited to the sum of the movement in the Retail Prices Index and an Adjustment Factor, called K.

Changes in metered charges are calculated by reference to actual consumption in a Weighting Year (a financial year of the Appointee). Changes in unmetered charges are calculated by reference to changes in average revenue per chargeable supply calculated on the customer base as at the preceding 1st December. Changes are weighted in proportion to the contribution which each type of charge makes to total revenue in the Weighting Year.

These matters are dealt within Part II under the heading "Restriction of Standard Charges for Basket Items."

- 1.2 To provide for a review of the Appointed Business to be carried out by the Water Services Regulation Authority at five-yearly intervals, so that the Water Services Regulation Authority can determine whether the Adjustment Factor should be changed. Except where expressly provided in this Condition all reviews will cover periods of five consecutive years. This is dealt with in Part III under the heading "Periodic Reviews".

- 1.3 To enable the Appointee:

- (1) Not used.;
- (2) to refer to the Water Services Regulation Authority for determination from time to time the question of changing the Adjustment Factor to allow for Notified Items and Relevant Changes of Circumstance;
- (3) to refer to the Water Services Regulation Authority for determination at any time the question of changing the Adjustment Factor where circumstances have a substantial adverse effect on the Appointed Business; and
- (4) where notice to terminate either or both of the Appointments has been given, to refer to the Water Services Regulation Authority for determination the question what the Adjustment Factor should be in the future, on the assumption that the relevant Appointment or, as the case may be, the Appointments were to continue in force, for the purpose of facilitating consideration of the terms on which a new appointee could accept transfers of property, rights and liabilities from the Appointee, as provided in section 9(4).

These matters are dealt with in Part IV under the heading "Interim Determinations".

- 1.4 To provide for the Water Services Regulation Authority to initiate changes to the Adjustment Factor to allow for Notified Items and Relevant Changes of Circumstance. This is also dealt with in Part IV.
  - 1.5 To enable the Appointee to require the Water Services Regulation Authority to refer to the Competition Commission matters arising out of determinations by the Water Services Regulation Authority referred to in sub-paragraphs 1.2 and 1.4 and references referred to in sub-paragraph 1.3. These matters are dealt with in Part V under the heading "References to the Competition Commission and Modification of this Condition."
  - 1.6 To require the appointee to give Information to the Water Services Regulation Authority to enable it to make determinations under this Condition. This is dealt with in Part VI under the heading "Provision of Information to the Water Services Regulation Authority."
- 1A. *Application and Transitional Provisions*
- 1A.1 Paragraphs 3 to 18 of this Condition shall not apply until the Water Services Regulation Authority has given notice to the Appointee of their application.
  - 1A.2 The Water Services Regulation Authority shall not give notice under sub-paragraph 1A.1 above before 1 April 2014 unless:
    - (a) the Appointee has contravened sub-paragraph 1A.3 below;
    - (b) the Appointee provides supplies of water to more than 75,000 domestic premises;
    - (c) the Appointee provides sewerage services to more than 75,000 domestic premises; or
    - (d) the amount that would be payable to the Appointee pursuant to an undertaking made for the purposes of sub-paragraph 1(2)(d) of Condition P is less than the anticipated total costs of carrying out the Appointed Business over the subsequent six months.
  - 1A.3 Until the Water Services Regulation Authority has given notice under sub-paragraph 1A.1, the Appointee shall not make or fix the amount of any Relevant Charge for any supply of water provided, or provision of sewerage services made, or reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent which takes place, at an amount that is greater than the amount of such Relevant Charge fixed by the Incumbent for the same Charging Year that would, but for the Appointments or any subsequent variation, have applied to any particular part of the Area.
  - 1A.4 In sub-paragraph 1A.3 above "Relevant Charge" means a charge fixed under any such charges scheme as is referred to in section 143 (other than a charge for supplies of water to premises that satisfy the requirements set out in section 17A(3)).
2. *Defined Terms which apply for the purpose of all parts of this Condition*

In this Condition:

references to "**the Appointed Business**" shall be construed as if the Appointed Business included the management and holding by the Appointee of any protected land;

**"Average Charge per Chargeable Supply"** means, in respect of a specified Unmeasured Basket Item for a specified year, the amount  $R/N$  where:

R is the annual revenue (exclusive of VAT) which would accrue to the Appointee in respect of the specified Unmeasured Basket Item if all Standard Charges (other than Excluded Charges) made or to be made in respect of that Unmeasured Basket Item in the specified year were applied to all Chargeable Supplies of the Appointee which would have been subject to those Standard Charges as at 1st December preceding the specified year; and

N is the number of Chargeable Supplies as at such 1st December for which the Appointee would have been entitled to make those Standard Charges, provided that, where the specified year is a Prior Year,

- (a) there shall be included in N the number of any additional Chargeable Supplies which the Appointee would have made as at such 1st December if the Standard Charges to be made in respect of the Unmeasured Basket Item in the relevant Charging Year had applied; and
- (b) there shall be excluded from N the number of any Chargeable Supplies which the Appointee would not have been entitled to make as at such 1<sup>st</sup> December if the Standard Charges to be made in respect of the Unmeasured Basket Item in the relevant Charging Year had applied.

**"Basket Items"** are

- (1) unmeasured water supply,
- (2) unmeasured sewerage services,
- (3) measured water supply,
- (4) measured sewerage services, and
- (5) reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent

where

- (a) a measured supply or service is one where all or some of the charges for that supply or service are based on measured quantities of volume and an unmeasured supply or service is any other; and
- (b) sewerage services includes sewage treatment and disposal and excludes reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent;

**"Chargeable Supply"** means any supply of water or any provision of sewerage services for which charges are payable;

**"Excluded Charges"** unless and until otherwise agreed between the Water Services Regulation Authority and the Appointee, are

- (1) amounts payable in respect of an unmeasured supply of water by means of stand-pipes or water tanks and in respect of the erection or maintenance of stand-pipes or water tanks;
- (2) charges for a supply of water provided by the Appointee under section 59;
- (3) charges for the reception and disposal by the Appointee, or other person specified by the Appointee of matter delivered to the Appointee or such other person by a collection authority in pursuance of section 14(9) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974;
- (4) charges for unmeasured supplies of water to cattle troughs;
- (5) charges for unmeasured building water supplies;
- (6) amounts payable in respect of an unmeasured supply of water by means of bowsers or water tankers;
- (7) charges for unmeasured supplies of water to farm taps and other agricultural water points; and
- (7A) Charges in any Charging Year for supplies of water (or for the provision of sewerage services or for the reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent) to premises where the premises were supplied in the relevant Weighting Year with not less than such quantity of water as is specified from time to time under section 7(5)(a)

AND, for the avoidance of doubt, but without prejudice to the meaning of Standard Charges in respect of Basket Items, shall also include

- (8) charges payable for any such connection as is described in section 146(2);
- (9) charges for a supply of water in bulk to another water undertaker; and
- (10) amounts payable under any such agreement as is described in section section 20 (1)(b) of the 1991 Act.

**"Measured Basket Items"** means items (3), (4) and (5) in the definition of Basket Items:

**"Non-volumetric Charge"** is a charge which is not based on measured quantities of volume;

**"Standard Charges"** means

- (1) charges fixed under any such charges scheme as is referred to in section 143;
- (2) charges payable under any such agreement as is referred to in section 142;
- (3) charges payable where a discharge is made in pursuance of a consent given by the Appointee for the purposes of Chapter III of Part IV of the Act under or for which all the charges payable are in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Appointee;
- (4) charges determined by agreement in respect of a supply of water provided by the Appointee for non-domestic purposes where all the charges so determined in respect of that supply are in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Appointee;

Provided that no part of this definition shall apply to any charge which is for the time being an Excluded Charge by virtue of (7A) of the definition of Excluded Charges;

In this definition references to standard charges published or fixed by the Appointee are to such charges, whether published or fixed under a charges scheme or otherwise;

**"Termination Notice"** means a notice given in accordance with Condition O;

**"Unmeasured Basket Items"** means items (1) and (2) in the definition of Basket Items;

**"Weighted Average Charges Increase"** means the sum calculated as follows:

$$W_t = \sum_i \left( \frac{A_t(i)}{A_{t-1}(i)} \cdot r(i) \right) + \sum_j \left( \frac{B_t(j)}{B_{t-1}(j)} \cdot r(j) \right) - 1$$

where

$W_t$  is the Weighted Average Charges Increase for the Charging Year

$i$  is an index identifying the two Unmeasured Basket Items

$j$  is an index identifying the three Measured Basket Items

$\sum_i$  requires summation over the two Unmeasured Basket Items

$\sum_j$  requires summation over the three Measured Basket Items

$A_t(i)$  is the Average Charge Per Chargeable Supply in respect of Unmeasured Basket Item  $i$  for the Charging Year

$A_{t-1}(i)$  is the Average Charge Per Chargeable Supply in respect of Unmeasured Basket Item  $i$  for the Prior Year

$B_t(j)$  is the Weighting Year Revenue in respect of Measured Basket Item  $j$  for the Charging Year

$B_{t-1}(j)$  is the Weighting Year Revenue in respect of Measured Basket Item  $j$  for the Prior Year

$r(i)$  or  $r(j)$  is the revenue (exclusive of VAT) which accrued to the Appointee in the Weighting Year from all Standard Charges other than Excluded Charges (including, in the case of Measured Basket Items, any Non-volumetric Charge) in respect of Unmeasured Basket Item  $i$  or Measured Basket Item  $j$  (as the case may be), divided by the aggregate of such revenues for all five Basket Items;

**"Weighting Year"** means the financial year of the Appointee ended last before 7th October in the Prior Year;

**"Weighting Year Revenue"** means:

- (i) the revenue (exclusive of VAT) which would have accrued to the Appointee in the Weighting Year in respect of the specified Measured Basket Item, if all Standard Charges other than Excluded Charges (including any Non-volumetric Charge) made or to be made in respect of that Measured Basket Item in the Charging Year or, as the case may be, the Prior Year had applied, or
- (ii) if the Weighting Year precedes the first Charging Year, the revenue

(exclusive of VAT) which would have accrued to the Appointee in respect of the specified Measured Basket Item, if all Standard Charges other than Excluded Charges (including any Non-volumetric Charge) made in respect of that Measured Basket Item in the Charging Year or, as the case may be, Prior Year, had applied in the first Charging Year.

3. Not used.

Part II. *Restriction of Standard Charges for Basket Items*

4. *The Charges Limit*

4.1 The Appointee shall ensure that the Weighted Average Charges Increase in any Charging Year (beginning with the Charging Year starting on 1st April immediately after the Water Services Regulation Authority has given notice under sub-paragraph 1A.1) when expressed as a percentage does not exceed the Charges Limit.

4.2 The Charges Limit is the percentage calculated as  $RPI + K$ , where

RPI is the percentage change (expressed, in the case of an increase, as a positive number, in the case of a decrease, as a negative number and, in the case of no change, as zero) in the Retail Prices Index between that published for the month of November in the Prior Year and that published for the immediately preceding November.

K is the Adjustment Factor.

4.2A On the serving of a notice under sub-paragraph 1A.1 there shall be referred to the Water Services Regulation Authority for determination by it the question of what the Adjustment Factor should be for each of the consecutive Charging Years starting with the Charging Year starting on 1st April immediately after the Water Services Regulation Authority has given notice under sub-paragraph 1A.1 and ending with the Charging Year ending on 31 March 2020.

4.3 The Adjustment Factor shall be:

- (1) for each of the Charging Years referred to in sub-paragraph 4.2A the number so determined by the Water Services Regulation Authority (or such other number as shall from time to time be determined under this Condition);
- (2) for each subsequent Charging Year, such number as shall from time to time have been determined under this Condition or, if none, zero

and the Adjustment Factor may be a different number for any Charging Year and may be a positive or negative number or zero.

4.4 If the Weighted Average Charges Increase in any Charging Year is less than the Charges Limit then the Charges Limit for the following Charging Year shall be increased by the amount of such deficiency.

4.5 The Charges Limit for any Charging Year shall only be increased by virtue of subparagraph 4.4 to the extent that such deficiency is not attributable to any Charging Year ended three or more years previously.

5. *Matters affecting the Charges Limit and the calculation of the Weighted Average Charges Increase*

5.1 Where the Appointee determines:

- (1) to make a material change (other than one which relates solely to the amount of a charge) to the basis on which it makes or calculates any Standard Charge, or Standard Charges taken as a whole, (other than Excluded Charges) for the supply of water or the provision of sewerage services or the reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent;
- (2) to make a material change to the scope of any such scheme, agreement or consent as is referred to in the definition of "Standard Charges" (insofar as such change relates to charges, other than Excluded Charges, for the supply of water or the provision of sewerage services or the reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent); or
- (3) to change the basis on which the Appointee treats supplies of water or provisions of sewerage services as separate supplies or provisions for the purpose of making Standard Charges (other than Excluded Charges) which affects the calculation of Average Charge Per Chargeable Supply

it shall:

- (a) notify the Water Services Regulation Authority; and
- (b) furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority such explanations and Information relating to such change as the Water Services Regulation Authority considers requisite or expedient having regard to the purposes of this Condition.

5.2 Where there is a material change to the basis of compiling the Retail Prices Index this Condition, insofar as it relates to that part of the calculation of the Charges Limit to which the Retail Prices Index is relevant, shall be modified in such manner as the Water Services Regulation Authority, after prior consultation with the Appointee, may determine to be appropriate to take account of such change.

6. *Verification of Compliance with the Charges Limit*

6.1 *Statements*

The Appointee shall deliver to the Water Services Regulation Authority the following statements:

- (1) not later than two months before the start of each Charging Year a statement in writing (a "**Principal Statement**") of:

- (a) the revenue which accrued in the Weighting Year from all Standard Charges (including, in the case of Measured Basket Items, any Non-volumetric Charge), other than Excluded Charges, in respect of each Unmeasured Basket Item  $i$  and each Measured Basket Item  $j$ ;
  - (b) the aggregate revenue which accrued in the Weighting Year from all such Standard Charges; and
  - (c) the amount of each and every type or category of charge for the supply of water, the provision of sewerage services or the reception, treatment or disposal of trade effluent which the Appointee proposes to make of a kind specified in the definition of "Standard Charges" as at the commencement of that Charging Year which are not Excluded Charges (and for this purpose where the Appointee proposes to charge different prices per cubic metre of water supplied depending upon the volume of water supplied or the time of supply or the category of customer or any other variable factor then each such price shall be treated as a different type or category of charge);
- (2) not later than two months, or such later date as the Water Services Regulation Authority may allow, before the date during any Charging Year as from which the Appointee proposes to make or fix a new Standard Charge (which is not an Excluded Charge) for the supply of water or the provision of sewerage services or the reception, treatment or disposal of trade effluent or to increase or decrease the amount of any such charge a statement in writing (a "**Supplemental Statement**") of the new charge or the amount by which the Appointee proposes to increase or decrease the amount of that charge.

Any Principal Statement or Supplemental Statement shall be accompanied by the information necessary to calculate  $A_t(i)$  and  $A_{t-1}(i)$  and  $B_t(j)$  and  $B_{t-1}(j)$  in the definition of Weighted Average Charges Increase and a written statement of those calculations.

## 6.2 Auditors' Report

Any Principal Statement shall be accompanied by a report by the Auditors as to whether, in their opinion, the information included in that Principal Statement under sub-paragraphs 6.1(1)(a) and (b) has been properly extracted from the relevant accounting statements prepared and delivered by the Appointee under paragraph 4 of Condition F and from the Appointee's accounting records and such other records of the Appointee as the Auditors consider relevant for the purpose of making their report and as to whether, in their opinion, the calculations delivered by the Appointee with that Principal Statement are in accordance with this Condition and with the Appointee's accounting and such other relevant records.

7. Not used.

## Part III. *Periodic Reviews*

8. Not used.

9. *Periodic Reviews of the Appointed Business at Regular Five-yearly Intervals*

9.1 The Appointee shall furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority such Information as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require to enable it to carry out a Periodic Review for the purpose of determining the question whether (having regard to all the circumstances which are relevant in the light of the principles which apply by virtue of Part I of the Act in relation to the Water Services Regulation Authority's determination, including, without limitation, any change in circumstance which has occurred since the last Periodic Review or which is to occur) the Adjustment Factor should be changed (and if so, what change should be made to it) for:

- (1) the five consecutive Charging Years starting on 1st April 2020, and
- (2) each period of five consecutive Charging Years starting on the fifth anniversary of the first day of the period in respect of which the immediately-preceding Periodic Review was carried out.

9.2 The Appointee shall furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority such Information (including further detail about or explanation of Information previously supplied, whether or not under this sub-paragraph 9.2) as the Water Services Regulation Authority may by notice reasonably require to enable it to carry out the Periodic Review.

10. Not used.

11. *Periodic Reviews of the Appointed Business where a Termination Notice has been given*

11.1 Where a Termination Notice has been given by the Secretary of State to the Appointee, the Appointee may refer to the Water Services Regulation Authority for determination by it the question whether, on the assumption that such a Termination Notice had not been given, (but subject thereto, having regard to all the circumstances which are relevant in the light of the principles which apply by virtue of Part I of the Act in relation to the Water Services Regulation Authority's determination, including, without limitation, any change in circumstance which has occurred since the the Adjustment Factor was set or, as the case may be, the last Periodic Review or which is to occur) the Adjustment Factor should be changed (and if so what change should be made to the Adjustment Factor) for the five consecutive Charging Years starting with the Charging Year starting 1st April last before the Termination Notice is to expire.

11.2 A reference to the Water Services Regulation Authority under this paragraph 11 shall be made by notice given to the Water Services Regulation Authority not earlier than 1st July and not later than 14th July in the Charging Year next but one before that commencing on the said 1st April.

12. *Effect of Termination of the Appointments (or either of them) on Periodic Reviews*

Subject to paragraph 11, if the Secretary of State shall have served a Termination Notice on the Appointee then this Condition shall have effect as though, in the case of the Appointment in respect of which the Termination Notice has been given, references to a Periodic Review being carried out in respect of a period of five

consecutive Charging Years were references to a Periodic Review being carried out in respect of the relevant Appointment in respect of a period of that number of consecutive Charging Years which is the lesser of:

- (1) five; and
- (2) the number of consecutive Charging Years (including that in which the day on which the Termination Notice is to take effect falls) in the period starting on the first day of the first of the Charging Years in respect of which that Periodic Review is to be carried out and ending on the day on which the Termination Notice is to expire.

Part IV: *Interim Determinations*

13. *Matters of Interpretation and Construction which apply for the purposes of this Part IV*

13.1 In this Part of this Condition:

**"the Appropriate Discount Rate"** means such rate of return as, at the time at which the Appropriate Discount Rate falls to be applied from time to time under this Condition, investors and creditors would reasonably expect of a properly managed company holding the Appointments whose sole business consists of being a water undertaker and a sewerage undertaker and, without excluding other considerations which may also be relevant, having its equity share capital listed on The International Stock Exchange of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland Limited, and the same Appropriate Discount Rate shall be applied for all purposes in determining questions the subject of the same reference (including questions determined by the Water Services Regulation Authority under paragraph 15 when it determines questions referred to it by the Appointee under paragraph 14);

**"equity share capital"** has the same meaning as in the 1985 Act;

**"Interim Determination"** means the determination by the Water Services Regulation Authority of the relevant questions the subject of a reference by the Appointee under paragraph 14 or pursuant to paragraph 15 or, as the case may be, the determination by the Competition Commission of the relevant questions or of the disputed determinations the subject of a reference to it pursuant to sub-paragraph 16(2) or 16(3), which relates to a reference by the Appointee under paragraph 14 or a determination pursuant to paragraph 15;

**"making a Relevant Determination"** means determining the Adjustment Factor initially or determining, in carrying out the most recent Periodic Review, or making any subsequent Interim Determination (or, where there has been no Periodic Review, in making any Interim Determination) whether the adjustment factor should be changed (and if so, what change should be made to the Adjustment Factor), and **"Relevant Determination"** shall be construed accordingly;

**"Net Present Value"** means the net present value calculated as at 30th September in the year in which the relevant Reference Notice is given or, where in any year no Reference Notice is given under paragraph 14 but the Water Services

Regulation Authority gives a notice to the Appointee under paragraph 15, as at 30th September in the year in which the Water Services Regulation Authority gives the notice, by discounting subsequent cash flows and inflating earlier cash flows at the Appropriate Discount Rate, assuming all cash flows in any Charging Year occur on 30th September in that Charging Year;

a "**Notified Item**" is any item notified by the Water Services Regulation Authority to the Appointee as not having been allowed for (either in full or at all) in making a Relevant Determination; and for the purpose of this definition:

- (a) where any such item was not allowed for in full then it shall only be a Notified Item to the extent that it was not allowed for; and
- (b) where, in determining whether the Adjustment Factor should be changed (and if so what change should be made to the Adjustment Factor), the Water Services Regulation Authority, or, as the case may be, the Competition Commission, allows for any such item as was previously so notified by the Water Services Regulation Authority then references in this Condition to Notified Items and Relevant Items shall be taken, for the purposes of any subsequent Interim Determination, to exclude such item to the extent that the Water Services Regulation Authority, or, as the case may be, the Competition Commission, allowed for it as aforesaid;

a "**Relevant Change of Circumstance**" is any of the following:

- (1) (a) the application to the Appointee of any legal requirement; and
- (b) any change to any legal requirement which applies to the Appointee (including any legal requirement ceasing to apply, being withdrawn or not being renewed);
- (2) Not used.
- (3) where:
  - (i) in making a Relevant Determination, an amount has been allowed for on account of steps taken or to be taken for the purpose of securing or facilitating compliance with a legal requirement (not being one to comply with which the Appointee has determined to make a change to the basis on which it charges customers for water supply or sewerage services) or achieving a service standard adopted or to be adopted by the Appointee; and
  - (ii) in any such case:
    - (A) the Appointee has not taken (by the date by which it was assumed for the purposes of assessing the amount allowed for as aforesaid it would take those steps) any or all of those steps which, for the purpose of assessing the amount allowed for as aforesaid, it was assumed it would take; and

- (B) as a result, the amount allowed for as aforesaid is substantially greater than the sum of (a) the costs (if any) actually incurred by the Appointee for the relevant purpose specified in (i) above and (b) so much (if any) of that amount as has been otherwise offset by prudent management of the capital programme; and
- (C) that purpose has not been otherwise achieved;

a "**Relevant Item**" is any of the following:

- (1) a Relevant Change of Circumstance;
- (2) a Notified Item; and

and references to a Relevant Item are to a Relevant Change of Circumstance or a Notified Item as the context may require.

13.2 In the definition of a "Relevant Change of Circumstance" and for the purpose of that definition:

- (1) a "**legal requirement**" is any of the following:
  - (a) any enactment or subordinate legislation to the extent that it applies to the Appointee in its capacity as a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker (and for this purpose, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, "subordinate legislation" includes any order made under section 18 and any authorisation granted, approval given, or prohibition imposed, by the Secretary of State under the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2000);
  - (b) any regulation made by the Council or the Commission of the European Communities to the extent that it applies to the Appointee in its capacity as a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker, or decision taken by the said Commission which is binding on the Appointee in its capacity as a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker and to the extent that it is so binding;
  - (c) any licence, consent or authorisation given or to be given by the Secretary of State, the Environment Agency or other body of competent jurisdiction to the Appointee for the purpose of carrying on any of the functions of a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker;
  - (d) any undertaking given by the Appointee to, and accepted by, the Secretary of State or, as the case may be, the Water Services Regulation Authority for the purposes of section 19(1)(b);
  - (e) other than any such undertaking as is referred to in (d), any undertaking given by the Appointee to any enforcement authority, and accepted by that enforcement authority, to take all such steps:
    - (i) as are specified by that enforcement authority to be necessary or appropriate for the Appointee to take for the purpose of

securing or facilitating compliance with any legal requirement in relation to which that enforcement authority is the enforcement authority; or

- (ii) the taking of which is specified by that enforcement authority to be a condition or requirement of granting or renewing any such licence, consent or authorisation as is referred to in (c) or agreeing not to withdraw the same;
- (f) the Conditions of these Appointments; and
- (g) any interpretation of law, or finding, contained in any judgment given by a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction in respect of which the period for making an appeal has expired which requires any legal requirement falling within (a) to (f) above to have effect in a way:
  - (i) different to that in which it previously had effect; or
  - (ii) different to that in which it was taken to have effect:
    - (A) for the purpose of determining the Adjustment Factor; or, as the case may be,
    - (B) in determining whether the Adjustment Factor should be changed (and if so what change should be made to the Adjustment Factor)

but so that nothing in sub-paragraphs (a) to (g) above shall apply so as to include:

- (i) any such legal requirement as is referred to in section 99 of the 1991 Act or section 41 of the Environment Act 1995, or
- (ii) those sections

to the extent in either case that they require the Appointee to pay fees or charges to the relevant enforcement authority; and

- (2) **"enforcement authority"** means any person or body having jurisdiction to enforce or to take action under or in respect of the relevant legal requirement.

13.3 In paragraph 14 and in the definition of a "Relevant Change of Circumstance":

- (1) references to costs include references to expenditure and loss of revenue and references to costs being incurred include references to expenditure being made and loss of revenue being suffered;
- (2) references to receipts include references to receipts, cash or other assets of any sort, whether of a capital or revenue nature and including receipts of grants, contributions, gifts and loans; and

- (3) without prejudice to sub-paragraph (1) above, "Operating Expenditure" in sub-paragraph 14.2(6) includes those items currently so identified in Regulatory Accounting Guidelines 3 and 4 and in the July Return 1999 Reporting Requirement, line 22 in table 21 and line 23 in table 22. For the avoidance of doubt, depreciation, the write-down/off of assets, the profits/loss on disposal of assets and infrastructure renewals expenditure or charges are excluded.
- 13.4 (1) For the purposes of sub-paragraph 14.2(1) costs, receipts and savings shall be ascertained at the general price level prevailing, or expected to prevail, on 30 September in the year in which the Appointee gives notice under sub-paragraph 14.1, or the Water Services Regulation Authority gives notice under paragraph 15.
- (2) In sub-paragraphs 14.2(8) and 14.2(9) and sub-paragraph (3) below "**at Outturn Prices**", in relation to the amount of any Base Cash Flow or depreciation, means that amount as adjusted to take account of the actual or expected cumulative percentage change in the Retail Prices Index from that prevailing, or expected to prevail, on 30 September in the year in which the Appointee gives notice under sub-paragraph 14.1, or the Water Services Regulation Authority gives notice under sub-paragraph 15.1(1), up to and including that prevailing, or expected to prevail, on 30 September in the year in which the Base Cash Flow or depreciation occurred, or is expected to occur.
- (3) In sub-paragraph 14.2(8) "**Current Value**", in relation to any Base Cash Flow or depreciation at Outturn Prices, means that amount, as adjusted to take account of the actual or expected cumulative percentage change in the Retail Prices Index from 30 September in the year in which that Base Cash Flow or depreciation occurred or is expected to occur, up to and including 30 September in the relevant year.
14. *References to the Water Services Regulation Authority relating to Notified Items and Relevant Changes of Circumstance and circumstances having a substantial effect on the Appointed Business*
- 14.1 The Appointee may from time to time refer to the Water Services Regulation Authority for determination by it (having considered the proposals of the Appointee) the questions set out in sub-paragraph 14.2 or, as the case may be, sub-paragraph 14.3. Such reference shall be made by notice given to the Water Services Regulation Authority, which, in the case of questions set out in sub-paragraph 14.2, shall be given in accordance with sub-paragraph 14.4. For the purposes of sub-paragraph 14.2 a single reference may be made in respect of any number of Notified Items and Relevant Changes of Circumstance and sub-paragraph 14.2 shall be construed accordingly.
- 14.2 In the case of a Notified Item or where there has been or is to be a Relevant Change of Circumstance all of the following:
- (1) what are, or are likely to be, the costs, receipts and savings reasonably attributable to the Relevant Item,
- (2) to what extent:

- (a) are the costs determined under (1) reasonably recoverable through charges for services provided, functions carried out by, and other activities of, the Appointee in its capacity as a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker which are not Standard Charges for Basket Items (not being Excluded Charges);
- (b) in the case of receipts and savings, is the Relevant Item relevant to services provided, functions carried out by, and other activities of, the Appointee as a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker which are not Basket Items in respect of which the Appointee makes Standard Charges (not being Excluded Charges)

and where it is determined that such costs are reasonably recoverable as aforesaid or, as the case may be, that the Relevant Item is relevant as aforesaid, either in full or to an extent, then references hereafter to costs, receipts and savings reasonably attributable to a Relevant Item are to those costs, receipts and savings except to that extent;

(3) both of the following:

- (a) what costs reasonably attributable to, or connected with, the Relevant Item as determined under (1) and what timing of incurring of such costs are appropriate and reasonable for the Appointee in all the circumstances to incur and programme, or, as the case may be, to have incurred and programmed, by reason of the Relevant Item; and
- (b) what receipts and savings reasonably attributable to, or connected with, the Relevant Item as determined under (1) and what timing of such receipts and savings is appropriate and reasonable for the Appointee in all the circumstances to achieve and programme or, as the case may be, to have achieved and programmed, by reason of the Relevant Item

and for the purpose of determining the separate amounts under (a) and (b), but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing:

- (i) no account shall be taken of:
  - (A) any trivial amounts;
  - (B) any costs, to the extent that they would have been, or would be, avoided by prudent management action taken since the effective date (and for this purpose what constitutes "prudent management action" shall be assessed by reference to the circumstances which were known or which ought reasonably to have been known to the Appointee at the relevant time);
  - (C) any savings achieved by management action taken since the effective date over and above those which would have been achieved by prudent management action (and for this purpose what constitutes "prudent management action" shall be assessed by reference to the circumstances at the relevant time); or

- (D) any amounts attributable to matters allowed for in making a Relevant Determination, except to the extent that such amounts otherwise fall to be taken into account as amounts reasonably attributable to, or connected with, the Relevant Item under this sub-paragraph (3) and sub-paragraph (1) by virtue of the definition of a Notified Item and a Relevant Change of Circumstance; and
- (ii) in the case of a Relevant Change of Circumstance falling within sub-paragraph (1) of the definition, regard shall be had to whether either:
  - (a) the Secretary of State has notified the Water Services Regulation Authority of any change of policy, concerning any environmental or water-quality standard, which has been made since the Adjustment Factor was last determined; or
  - (b) the Appointee has itself given notice to the Water Services Regulation Authority of the application to it of, or any change to, any legal requirement, before referring that legal requirement to the Water Services Regulation Authority under sub-paragraph 14.1;
- (4) having determined under sub-paragraph (3) the separate amounts of costs and of receipts and savings in respect of each Relevant Item, what are the annual cash flows thereof (costs being netted off against the amount of receipts and savings for this purpose) over each Charging Year included in the timing determined under sub-paragraph (3) (those annual cash flows being hereinafter referred to as "**the Base Cash Flows**");
- (5) what is the annual aggregate of all Relevant Changes of Circumstance and Notified Items the subject of the notice or notices under sub-paragraph 14.4 or sub-paragraph 15.1;
- (6)
  - (a) where any part of an annual aggregate derived under sub-paragraph (5) consists of items to which (b) below does not apply, what is the Net Present Value of that part of the annual aggregate, calculated up to the start of the first of the Charging Years for which the next Periodic Review falls to be carried out;
  - (b) where any part of the annual aggregate derived under sub-paragraph (5) consists of revenue and/or Operating Expenditure, what is the Net Present Value of that part of the annual aggregate, calculated over 15 years; and
  - (c) what is the aggregate of the Net Present Values calculated under (a) and (b) ("**the Materiality Amount**");
- (7) is the Materiality Amount equal to or does it exceed ten per cent of the turnover attributable to the Appointed Business in the latest financial year for which accounting statements have been prepared and delivered to the Water Services Regulation Authority under Condition F, as shown by those accounting statements, and for this purpose where the Materiality Amount is a negative figure it shall be treated as though it were a positive figure;

- (8) if so, for each year ("**the relevant year**") until the first of the Charging Years for which the next Periodic Review falls to be carried out (having regard to any Review Notice or Reference Notice which has been given at the time when the reference is made),
- (a) what are the following amounts:
- (i) all Base Cash Flows at Outturn Prices attributable to the creation or acquisition of depreciable assets ("**Allowable Capital Expenditure**");
  - (ii) all the Base Cash Flows at Outturn Prices attributable to the creation, acquisition or disposal of non-depreciable assets ("**Allowable Infrastructure Asset Expenditure**");
  - (iii) all other Base Cash Flows at Outturn Prices ("**Other Allowable Expenditure**");
  - (iv) the sum of the Current Value of all Allowable Capital Expenditure occurring up to and including the relevant year, divided by the weighted average expected life of the assets attributable to that Allowable Capital Expenditure at the time those assets were or are expected to be created or acquired ("**Allowable Depreciation**");
  - (v) the sum of the Current Value of all Allowable Capital Expenditure occurring up to and including the relevant year less the sum of the Current Value of all Allowable Depreciation occurring up to and including the relevant year ("**Allowable Net Asset Value**");
  - (vi) the sum of the Current Value of all Allowable Infrastructure Asset Expenditure occurring up to and including the relevant year ("**Allowable Infrastructure Asset Value**");
  - (vii) the Appropriate Discount Rate, adjusted so as to exclude any allowance for changes in the Retail Prices Index, multiplied by the sum of:
    - A. the Allowable Net Asset Value for the relevant year; and
    - B. the Allowable Infrastructure Asset Value for the relevant year;(the "**Allowable Return**"); and
- (b) what is the sum of:
- (i) Other Allowable Expenditure;
  - (ii) Allowable Depreciation; and
  - (iii) the Allowable Return;

(the "**Annual Allowable Amount**");

- (9) what change to the Adjustment Factor over the period from the beginning of the first of the Charging Years referred to in sub-paragraph 14.4(1) (in any case where a Reference Notice has been given in respect of sub-paragraph 14.2) or sub-paragraph 15.1(1) (in any other case) until the first of the Charging Years for which the next Periodic Review falls to be carried out (having regard to any Review Notice or Reference Notice which has been given at the time when the reference is made) (the "**Relevant Period**") is most likely to allow, or, as the case may be, require, the Appointee to make such charges over the Relevant Period ("**Adjusted Charges**"), in such a manner as to secure that the increase, or, as the case may be, decrease, in revenue attributable to the making of Adjusted Charges would, in each year of the Relevant Period, be equal to
- (i) the Annual Allowable Amount for that year,
- plus
- (ii) where Base Cash Flows at Outturn Prices have occurred prior to the first year of the Relevant Period, the amount, which, calculated as a constant annual amount over the Relevant Period, would result in the sum of the Net Present Values of these amounts equalling the sum of the Net Present Values of the Annual Allowable Amounts for each of the years prior to the Relevant Period.

14.3 All of the following:

- (1) whether any circumstance (other than a relevant Change of Circumstance) has occurred which has or will have:
  - (a) a substantial adverse effect on the Appointed Business or on its assets, liabilities, financial position, or profits or losses, not being one which would have been avoided by prudent management action taken since the effective date; or
  - (b) a substantial favourable effect on the Appointed Business, or on its assets, liabilities, financial position, or profits or losses, being one which is (i) fortuitous and (ii) not attributable to prudent management action; and
- (2) if so, what change should be made to the Adjustment Factor.

For this purpose:

- (i) what constitutes "prudent management action" shall be assessed by reference to the circumstances which were known or which ought reasonably to have been known to the Appointee at the relevant time;
- (ii) an effect shall not be regarded as a substantial adverse effect or a substantial favourable effect in any case unless, if the questions set out in sub-paragraph 14.2 were to be asked in relation to the circumstance giving rise to it, the answer to that in 14.2(7) (taking the reference in it to ten per cent as a

reference to twenty per cent) would be in the affirmative.

- 14.4 A Reference Notice given to the Water Services Regulation Authority in respect of sub-paragraph 14.2 shall contain or be accompanied by reasonable details of the Relevant Item in respect of which the Reference Notice is given and, unless the Water Services Regulation Authority otherwise consents, shall be given not later than:
- (1) the fifteenth day of September immediately preceding the first of the Charging Years in respect of which the Appointee wishes the change to the Adjustment Factor to take effect; or
  - (2) if later, where the Water Services Regulation Authority has given a notice to the Appointee under paragraph 15.1 in respect of the same Charging Year, within fourteen days from the receipt by the Appointee of that notice.
15. *Changes to the Adjustment Factor initiated by the Water Services Regulation Authority relating to Notified Items and Relevant Changes of Circumstance*
- 15.1 In the case of a Notified Item or where any Relevant Change of Circumstance has occurred or is to occur, the Water Services Regulation Authority may, having given notice to the Appointee specifying the Notified Item or, as the case may be, the Relevant Change of Circumstance, of its intention so to do not later than:
- (1) the fifteenth day of September immediately preceding the first of the Charging Years in respect of which it proposes the change to the Adjustment Factor to take effect; or
  - (2) if later, where the Appointee has given a Reference Notice to the Water Services Regulation Authority in respect of sub-paragraph 14.2 and falling within sub-paragraph 14.4(1) in respect of the same Charging Year, within fourteen days from the receipt by the Water Services Regulation Authority of that Reference Notice
- determine the questions set out in sub-paragraph 14.2 in respect of that Notified Item or, as the case may be, that Relevant Change of Circumstance. A single notice may be given under this sub-paragraph 15.1 in respect of any number of Notified Items and Relevant Changes of Circumstance and sub-paragraph 14.2 shall be construed accordingly.
- 15.2 Where sub-paragraph 14.4(2) or 15.1(2) applies, the questions set out in (5) to (9) inclusive of sub-paragraph 14.2 shall be determined in respect of all Notified Items and Relevant Changes of Circumstance in respect of which the Appointee and the Water Services Regulation Authority have given notice, taken as a whole.
- 15.3 In the case of sub-paragraph 14.3, the Water Services Regulation Authority shall give notice to the Appointee of its intention to determine the questions set out in sub-paragraph 14.3(1)(b) and (2).

Part V: *References to the Competition Commission and Modification of this Condition*

16. *References to the Competition Commission*

Where:

- (1) pursuant to paragraph 9 or following a reference under paragraph 11, the Water Services Regulation Authority has not given notice to the Appointee of its determination within one year from the Review Notice Date or, in the case of a reference under paragraph 11, within one year from the date of the relevant Reference Notice;
- (2) following a reference under paragraph 14, the Water Services Regulation Authority has not given notice to the Appointee of its determinations (including any determinations under paragraph 15 which fall to be taken into account in determining the questions the subject of the reference under paragraph 14) within 3 months from the date of the relevant Reference Notice; or
- (3) the Appointee disputes any determination made by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sub-paragraph 4.2A, Part III or Part IV of this Condition.

the Appointee may, by notice given to the Water Services Regulation Authority within:

- (a) 13 months from the Review Notice Date or, in the case of a reference under paragraph 11, from the date of the relevant Reference Notice (in the cases referred to in sub-paragraph (1));
- (b) 4 months from the date of the relevant Reference Notice (in the case referred to in sub-paragraph (2)); or
- (c) 2 months from the date on which the Water Services Regulation Authority gives notice of its determination to the Appointee (in the case referred to in sub-paragraph (3))

require the Water Services Regulation Authority to refer to the Competition Commission for determination by it:

- (i) in any case referred to in sub-paragraph (1) or (2), the relevant question or questions (including, where relevant, the questions in respect of any Notified Item or Relevant Change of Circumstance the subject of a notice under paragraph 15); or
- (ii) in any case referred to in sub-paragraph (3), the disputed determination.

17. *Modification of this Condition following Periodic Reviews and references to the Water Services Regulation Authority or the Competition Commission*

- 17.1 Except in the case of a Periodic Review carried out under paragraph 11, this Condition shall be modified by the change (if any) to the Adjustment Factor (which may be a different number for any Charging Year and may be a positive or negative number, or zero) necessary to give effect to any determination made by the Water Services Regulation Authority or the Competition Commission under, or, as the case may be, following a reference under, sub-paragraph 4.2A, Part III, Part IV or Part V of this Condition.
- 17.2 Where the Appointee requires the Water Services Regulation Authority to make a reference to the Competition Commission under paragraph 16, in the case referred to

in sub-paragraph (3) of that paragraph, this Condition shall be modified by the change (if any) to the Adjustment Factor necessary to give effect to the Water Services Regulation Authority's determination but so that sub-paragraph 17.1 shall then apply to the determination made by the Competition Commission following such reference.

Part VI. *Provision of Information to the Water Services Regulation Authority*

18.1 The Appointee shall furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority:

- (1) as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event not later than the expiry of one month from the date of the Water Services Regulation Authority's notice to the Appointee under sub-paragraph 4.2A (in the case of such a notice);
- (2) not later than 30th September immediately following the date of the Reference Notice (in the case of a reference under paragraph 11);
- (3) at the time when it gives the relevant Reference Notice to the Water Services Regulation Authority (in the case of a reference under paragraph 14 falling within sub-paragraph 14.4(1));
- (4) as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event not later than the expiry of one month from the date of the Water Services Regulation Authority's notice to the Appointee under paragraph 15 (in the case of such a notice, including the case of a reference under paragraph 14 falling within sub-paragraph 14.4(2))

such Information as the Appointee reasonably believes is necessary or, as the case may be, as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require in its said notice, to enable the Water Services Regulation Authority to make its determination. The Appointee shall also furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority as soon as reasonably practicable such further Information as the Water Services Regulation Authority may from time to time by notice to the Appointee reasonably require to make its determination.

18.2 The Appointee shall also furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority from time to time when so requested by the Water Services Regulation Authority such Information as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require to decide whether or not to make determinations under paragraph 15.

18.3 Any Information furnished to the Water Services Regulation Authority under this paragraph 18 or under paragraph 9 shall, if the Water Services Regulation Authority so requires to make its determination, be reported on by a person appointed by the Appointee and approved by the Water Services Regulation Authority (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld) ("**the Reporter**").

18.4 The Appointee shall enter into a written contract of engagement with the Reporter which shall:

- (1) where such a report is required by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sub-paragraph 18.3, require the Reporter to prepare and furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority, and separately to the Appointee, a written report addressed jointly to the Water Services Regulation Authority

and the Appointee in form and substance such as may be specified by, or consistent with any guidelines specified by, the Water Services Regulation Authority at the time when it requires the report to be furnished, the matters so specified being reasonably appropriate to enable the Water Services Regulation Authority to make its determination (to the extent that the Information in respect of which that report is required to be prepared and furnished is relevant to that determination); and

- (2) include a term that the Reporter will provide such further explanation or clarification of his report as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require and such further Information in respect of, or verification of, the matters which are the subject of his report as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require.

The contract of engagement may also include provisions requiring the Reporter, its employees and agents to keep confidential and not to disclose, except to the Water Services Regulation Authority or as required by law, any Information which the Reporter obtains in the course of preparing his report.

18.5 The Appointee shall co-operate fully with the Reporter to enable him to prepare his report, including without limitation, so far as is necessary for that purpose:

- (1) subject to reasonable prior notice to the Appointee, giving to the Reporter access at reasonable hours to any Relevant Plant and to any premises occupied by the Appointee in relation to the Appointed Business; and
- (2) subject to reasonable prior notice to the Appointee, allowing the Reporter at reasonable hours:
  - (a) to inspect and make photocopies of, and take extracts from, any books and records of the Appointee maintained in relation to the Appointed Business;
  - (b) to carry out inspections, measurements and tests on or in relation to any such premises or Relevant Plant; and
  - (c) to take on to such premises or on to or in to any Relevant Plant such other persons and such equipment as may be necessary for the purposes of preparing and completing his report.

18.6 Nothing in sub-paragraph 18.5 shall require the Appointee:

- (1) to do anything which is outside its reasonable control; or
- (2) to do, or to allow the Reporter to do, anything which would materially disrupt the Appointee's business (unless it is essential that that thing be done to enable the Reporter to prepare his report).

18.7 In sub-paragraphs 18.4 and 18.5:

- (1) references to the Reporter include references to his employees and agents; and

- (2) **"Relevant Plant"** means any plant used by the Appointee for the purpose of carrying out the Regulated Activities including, without limitation, water mains, sewers and other pipes and their accessories.



## Condition C:Infrastructure Charges

### 1. *Interpretation*

In this Condition:

- 1.1 **"Infrastructure Charge"** means a Water Infrastructure Charge or a Sewerage Infrastructure Charge;
- 1.2 **"House"** means any building or part of a building which is occupied as a private dwelling house or which, if unoccupied, is likely to be so occupied and, accordingly, includes a flat;
- 1.3 **"Common Billing Agreement"** means an agreement between the Appointee and any other person under which that person has undertaken to pay, on terms agreed between them, charges for water supply or sewerage services, or both, in respect of two or more Houses which have a common Supply Pipe and which, in any case where that agreement relates to one of those services only, are also subject to a similar agreement for common billing between that person and the undertaker providing the other service;
- 1.4 **"Relevant Multiplier"** means a number (which may be one or more or less than one) calculated in the manner set out in the Appendix to this Condition;
- 1.5 **"Standard Amount"**, in relation to any Infrastructure Charge, means the amount of that charge specified in sub-paragraph 2.1.3, as adjusted pursuant to sub-paragraph 2.2 (in respect of any Charging Year starting on or after 1st April 2008);
- 1.6 **"Supply Pipe"** means any part of a service pipe which a water undertaker could not be, or have been, required to lay under section 46 of the Act; and
- 1.7 references to a connection are to such a connection as is mentioned in section 146(2)(a) or (b) of the Act.

### 2. *Level of Infrastructure Charges*

- 2.1 Subject to the following provisions of this Condition, in respect of each Charging Year starting on or after 1st April 2007, the amount of any Infrastructure Charge shall be -
  - 2.1.1 in the case of a House subject to a Common Billing Agreement, the Standard Amount multiplied by the Relevant Multiplier for that house;
  - 2.1.2 in the case of premises which do not consist in a House or Houses and to which water is provided by a Supply Pipe with an internal diameter

larger than the standard size for the time being adopted by the Appointee for new connections of Houses, the Standard Amount multiplied by the Relevant Multiplier for those premises; and

2.1.3 in the case of any other premises -

Water Infrastructure Charge	£276.81
Sewerage Infrastructure Charge	£276.81

2.2 In respect of each Charging Year starting on or after 1st April 2008 -

2.2.1 the amounts specified in sub-paragraph 2.1.3 shall be adjusted by the percentage of any change in the Retail Prices Index between that published for the month of November in the Prior Year and that published for November 2006; and

2.2.2 sub-paragraph 5.2 of Condition B shall apply to this Condition as if the reference in it to the Charges Limit were a reference to the Standard Amount.

3.1 Subject to sub-paragraph 3.2, where an amount has been paid or agreed to be paid to the Appointee on account of works which have been allowed for in determining the limits on Infrastructure Charges under the Appointment, that amount shall, to the extent that it is actually paid and is referable to a connection, count towards the level of charge for that connection under paragraph 2.

3.2 Where any such amount referable to a connection is greater than the level of charge for that connection under paragraph 2, nothing in this Condition shall preclude the Appointee from retaining or recovering the greater amount.

4. Not used.

5.1 Subject to sub-paragraph 5.2, where a site is developed or redeveloped (including by means of conversion of a building or buildings on it) the total amount of Water Infrastructure Charges or, as the case may be, Sewerage Infrastructure Charges which may be recovered in respect of Houses and other premises on the site resulting from the development or redevelopment shall not exceed the Standard Amount multiplied by X, where X equals -

(1) the aggregate of the Relevant Multipliers for all those premises *less*

(2) the maximum number of premises with water or, as the case may be, sewerage connections on the site at any time in the period of 5 years before the development or redevelopment began.

5.2 For the purpose of calculating the amount of the limit imposed by this paragraph -

- (a) each premises to which sub-paragraph 2.1.3 applies shall be deemed to have a Relevant Multiplier of 1; and
- (b) where, by virtue of paragraph 3 or 4 of this Condition, the Appointee would be permitted to charge more in respect of any premises resulting from the development or redevelopment than the level otherwise applying under paragraph 2, the limit shall be increased by the amount of the excess.

6.1 Subject to sub-paragraph 6.2, where -

- (a) a person who has received a demand, or undertaken, to pay Infrastructure Charges in respect of 2 or more Houses subject to a Common Billing Agreement fails to pay them, or any part of them, within 14 days of the date of connection; or
- (b) a Common Billing Agreement is terminated otherwise than in accordance with its terms by the person who has undertaken to pay charges under it,

nothing in this Condition shall preclude the Appointee from recovering, whether from that person or from the occupier of each House subject to the agreement, Infrastructure Charges in respect of that House at the Standard Amount.

6.2 Whenever it takes advantage of sub-paragraph 6.1, the Appointee shall give credit for any amount already paid by way of Infrastructure Charges in respect of that House for the connection concerned.

7. Paragraph 2 does not apply to the interest element of any Instalment Amount payable in accordance with Condition D.

8.1 Nothing in this Condition precludes the Appointee from charging less in any particular case than the level of Infrastructure Charge applying under paragraph 2.

8.2 Nothing in this Condition restricts the recovery or amount of any expenses or charges recoverable otherwise than under section 146 of the Act or (except if and to the extent that sub-paragraph 3.1 applies to the amount) restricts the recovery or level of any Infrastructure Charge by reference to any such amount.

9. *Notification to Sewerage Undertakers*

Where the Appointee makes a connection or connections to premises in respect of water supply services, it shall as soon as reasonably practicable

inform any sewerage undertaker which provides services to those premises of the number of premises connected, the date or dates of connection, the address(es) of the premises, the name and address of the person(s) responsible for payment of charges for the supply of water to the premises and (if different) of the person(s) responsible for payment of Infrastructure Charges in respect of the premises and (where appropriate) the Relevant Multiplier(s) for the premises.

10. *Arbitration*

If, in any case to which a Relevant Multiplier applies, there is any dispute between the Appointee and the person on whom any Infrastructure Charge has been levied about the calculation of the Relevant Multiplier, or the number or type of fittings on which that calculation is based, it may be referred by either party for determination by the Water Services Regulation Authority.

11. *Periodic Review of Level of Infrastructure Charges*

11.1 Where a Periodic Review is to be carried out under paragraph 9 of Condition B, the Appointee may, by notice given to the Water Services Regulation Authority in relation to water or sewerage connections or both, refer to the Water Services Regulation Authority, for determination by it, the question whether any (and if so, what) change to the Standard Amount or the manner of calculation of any Relevant Multiplier should be made for the 5 consecutive Charging Years to which that review relates.

11.2 Where a Periodic Review is to be carried out under paragraph 9 of Condition B, the Water Services Regulation Authority may, after giving notice to the Appointee in relation to water or sewerage connections or both, determine the question specified in sub-paragraph 11.1.

11.3 Notice under sub-paragraph 11.1 or 11.2 shall be given not later than 30 days after the Review Notice Date for the Periodic Review concerned.

12. *Initial Review of Level of Infrastructure Charges*

12.1 Where a notice has been served under sub-paragraph 1A.1 of Condition B, the Appointee may, by notice given to the Water Services Regulation Authority in relation to water or sewerage connections or both, refer to the Water Services Regulation Authority for determination by it the question whether (and if so, what) change to the Standard Amount or the manner of calculation of any Relevant Multiplier should be made for each of the consecutive Charging Years starting with the Charging Year starting on 1st April immediately after the Water Services Regulation Authority has given notice under sub-paragraph 1A.1 of Condition B and ending with the Charging Year ending on 31 March 2020.

12.2 Where a notice has been served under sub-paragraph 1A.1 of Condition B, the Water Services Regulation Authority may, after giving notice to the Appointee in relation to water or sewerage connections or both, determine the question specified in sub-paragraph 12.1.

12.3 Notice under sub-paragraph 12.1 or 12.2 shall be given not later than 30 days after a notice has been served under sub-paragraph 1A.1 of Condition B.

13. *Information*

13.1 The Appointee shall furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority, at the time when it gives notice to it under sub-paragraph 11.1 or 12.1, such Information as the Appointee reasonably believes is necessary to enable the Water Services Regulation Authority to make its determination. The Appointee shall also furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority, after receipt by it of notice given under sub-paragraph 11.2 or 12.2 or this sub-paragraph, such further Information, specified in the notice, as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require to make its determination.

13.2 The Appointee shall also furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority from time to time, when so requested by it, such Information as it may reasonably require, to decide whether or not to give notice under sub-paragraph 11.2 or 12.2.

13.3 Any Information furnished to the Water Services Regulation Authority under this paragraph shall, if the Water Services Regulation Authority so requires to make its determination, be reported on by a person ("**the Reporter**") appointed by the Appointee and approved by the Water Services Regulation Authority (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld). The provisions of sub-paragraphs 18.4, 18.5(2), 18.6 and 18.7(1) of Condition B shall apply to the engagement and terms of reference of each Reporter appointed pursuant to this Condition as they apply to those of each Reporter appointed pursuant to that Condition, save that the reference in sub-paragraph 18.4(1) to sub-paragraph 18.3 of that Condition shall be taken as a reference to this sub-paragraph.

14. *References to the Competition Commission*

Where -

(1) following the giving of notice under sub-paragraph 11.1 or 11.2, the Water Services Regulation Authority has not notified the Appointee of its determination within 1 year from the Review Notice Date; or

(2) following the giving of notice under sub-paragraph 12.1 or 12.2, the Water Services Regulation Authority has not notified the Appointee of

its determination by 31st December of the year in which the notice under that sub-paragraph was given; or

- (3) the Appointee disputes any determination made by the Water Services Regulation Authority under this Condition

the Appointee may, by notice given to the Water Services Regulation Authority within -

- (a) 13 months from the Review Notice Date (in the cases referred to in (1) above); or
- (b) 1 month from 31st December of the year in which the notice under sub-paragraph 12.1 or 12.2 was given (in the case referred to in (2) above); or
- (c) 2 months from the date on which the Water Services Regulation Authority gives notice of its determination to the Appointee (in the cases referred to in (3) above)

require the Water Services Regulation Authority to refer to the Competition Commission, for determination by it -

- (i) in any case referred to in (1) or (2) above, the relevant question; or
- (ii) in the case referred to in (3) above, the disputed determination.

#### 15. *Modification of this Condition*

- 15.1 This Condition shall be modified by the change (if any) to the Standard Amount or the manner of calculation of any Relevant Multiplier, necessary to give effect to any determination made by the Water Services Regulation Authority or the Competition Commission under, or, as the case may be, following a reference under, this Condition.
- 15.2 Where the Appointee requires the Water Services Regulation Authority to make a reference to the Competition Commission under paragraph 14, this Condition shall be modified by the change (if any) to the Standard Amount or the manner of calculation of any Relevant Multiplier, necessary to give effect to the Water Services Regulation Authority's determination, but so that sub-paragraph 15.1 shall then apply to the determination made by the Competition Commission following that reference.
- 15.3 In this paragraph "this Condition" includes the Appendix to it.

## APPENDIX

### CALCULATION OF RELEVANT MULTIPLIER

1. To calculate the Relevant Multiplier for a House to which sub-paragraph 2.1.1 of Condition C applies:
  - 1.1 ascertain in respect of all the Houses subject to the Common Billing Agreement in question (eg all the flats in a block to which such an agreement applies) and all communal facilities shared by all or any of them, the total number of water fittings in all the categories specified in column 1 of the table below;
  - 1.2 calculate by reference to column 2 of the Table the aggregate loading units attributable to that total number of water fittings (and increase the aggregate, where necessary, to take account of the minimum for domestic appliances);
  - 1.3 divide that number of loading units by 24 and divide the resulting figure by the number of Houses subject to the Common Billing Agreement;
  - 1.4 the resulting number, will be the Relevant Multiplier.
2. To calculate the Relevant Multiplier for premises to which sub-paragraph 2.1.2 of Condition C applies, ascertain in respect of the premises the total number of water fittings in all the categories specified in column 1 of the Table below; calculate by reference to column 2 of the Table the aggregate loading units attributable to that total number of water fittings; divide the aggregate loading units by 24; and the resulting number will be the Relevant Multiplier, provided that if the resulting number is less than 1, the Relevant Multiplier will be 1.

TABLE

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Water Fitting (note 1)</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Loading Units</i>
WC flushing cistern	2
Wash basin in a House	1.5
Wash basin elsewhere	3
Bath (tap nominal size $\frac{3}{4}$ in/20 mm) (note 2)	10
Bath (tap nominal size larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ in/20 mm (note 2)	22
Shower	3
Sink (tap nominal size $\frac{1}{2}$ in/15 mm)	3
Sink (tap nominal size larger than $\frac{1}{2}$ in/15 mm)	5
Spray tap	0.5
Bidet	1.5
Domestic appliance (subject to a minimum of 6 L.U.s per House - (notes 3 & 4)	

Communal or commercial appliance (note 3)	10
Any other water fitting or outlet (including a tap but excluding a urine or water softener)	3

*Notes to be read with the Table:*

- 1 Reference to any fitting includes reference to any plumbing, outlet, dedicated space or planning or other provision for that fitting;
- 2 "Bath" includes a whirlpool bath and a jacuzzi;
- 3 "Domestic appliance" means an appliance (including a dishwasher, a washing machine and waste disposal unit) in a House and "communal or commercial appliance" means an appliance (including a dishwasher, a washing machine and a waste disposal unit) elsewhere than in a House (including in communal facilities);
- 4 In any calculation under paragraph 1, a minimum of six loading units shall be included, in respect of each House, for domestic appliances (whether or not the House has any such appliances) except, in the case of any House, where neither a washing machine nor a dishwasher can be provided (and there is no plumbing, outlet, dedicated space or planning or other provision for either appliance) in the House;
- 5 In the case of any premises with a sewerage only connection and no water fittings, the Relevant Multiplier will be one.

## Condition D: Charges Schemes

1. In this Condition:

**"the Instalment Amount"** means the aggregate amount which would fall to be paid in the relevant year by way of payments of interest and repayments of capital if an amount equal to the Water Infrastructure Charge or, as the case may be, the Sewerage Infrastructure Charge payable for the relevant connection had been borrowed by the Appointee on terms:

- (1) requiring interest to be paid and capital to be repaid in twelve equal annual instalments; and
- (2) providing for the amount of the interest to be calculated at such rate, and in accordance with such other provision, as may have been determined either by the Appointee with the approval of the Water Services Regulation Authority or, in default of such a determination, by the Water Services Regulation Authority;

the reference to domestic purposes in relation to the drainage of premises is a reference to the "domestic sewerage purposes" specified in section 117(1).

2.1 It shall be the duty of the Appointee to ensure that at all times on and after the relevant date specified in sub-paragraph 2.2 there is in effect a charges scheme in accordance with section 143 by which:

- (1) it fixes the charges to be paid for supplies of water for domestic purposes and for the drainage for domestic purposes of premises except where such charges are determined by or in accordance with such an agreement as is referred to in section 142; and
- (2) it fixes the charges to be paid for such connections as are described in section 146(2).

2.2 The relevant date for the purpose of sub-paragraph 2.1 is the effective date.

3. Not used.

4. Any such charges scheme as is required to be in effect by virtue of sub-paragraph 2.1(2) shall provide that in the case of a connection to a water supply or, as the case may be, to a public sewer of a building or part of a building which is occupied as a dwelling house immediately before the connection is made:

- (1) the relevant charges shall be paid in full, within a reasonable period specified by the Appointee after the connection in respect of which those charges are payable is made; or, at the option of the person liable to pay the relevant charges,
- (2) an amount equal to the Instalment Amount shall be paid in each of the twelve years following the relevant connection being made, subject only to that person giving such undertakings to that effect as the Appointee may reasonably require.

5. The Appointee shall:
  - (1) inform persons who enquire about charges for such connections as are described in section 146(2) that it is required to have in effect a charges scheme in respect of such charges and of the provisions required to be included in that charges scheme by virtue of paragraph 4;
  - (2) make a copy of any such charges scheme as is required to be in effect by virtue of paragraph 2 in its latest form available for inspection at each Relevant Premises; and
  - (3) send a copy of any such scheme in its latest form free of charge to any person requesting it.
6. Nothing in this Condition shall prevent the Appointee from entering into such an agreement as is referred to in section 142.



**Condition E: Prohibition on Undue Discrimination and Undue Preference and Information on Charges**

1. This Condition applies in relation to charges:
  - (1) fixed by the Appointee under any such charges scheme as is referred to in section 143 by which the Appointee fixes the charges to be paid:
    - (a) for any water supply or sewerage services provided by the Appointee in the course of carrying out its functions; or
    - (b) in any of the cases described in section 143(1)(b);
  - (2) for any water supply or sewerage services provided by the Appointee in the course of carrying out its functions or in connection with the carrying out of the Appointee's trade effluent functions payable under any such agreement as is referred to in section 142 which are in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Appointee;
  - (3) payable where a discharge is made in pursuance of a consent given by the Appointee for the purposes of Chapter III of Part IV of the Act which are in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Appointee;
  - (4) determined by agreement in respect of a supply of water for non-domestic purposes which are in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Appointee;
  - (5) Not used
  - (6) for any water supply or sewerage services provided by the Appointee in the course of carrying out its functions or in connection with the carrying out of the Appointee's trade effluent functions payable under any such agreement as is referred to in section 142 which are not in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Appointee;
  - (7) payable where a discharge is made in pursuance of a consent given by the Appointee for the purposes of Chapter III of Part IV of the Act which are not in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Appointee; and
  - (8) determined by agreement in respect of a supply of water for non-domestic purposes which are not in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Appointee.

In this paragraph references to standard charges published or fixed by the Appointee are to such charges, whether published or fixed under a charges scheme or otherwise.

2. It shall be the duty of the Appointee in fixing or agreeing charges falling within any of sub-paragraphs 1(1) to 1(4) inclusive to ensure that no undue preference is shown to, and that there is no undue discrimination against, any class of customers or potential customers.
3. It shall be the duty of the Appointee in fixing or agreeing charges falling within any of sub-paragraphs 1(6) to 1(8) inclusive to ensure that no undue preference is shown to, and that there is no undue discrimination against, any customer or potential customer.
4. The Appointee shall provide to the Water Services Regulation Authority such Information as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably request in order to satisfy itself that the Appointee is complying with this Condition, it being acknowledged that Information with which the Water Services Regulation Authority is furnished from time to time under Condition F may not be sufficient or relevant of itself for this purpose.
5. The Appointee shall provide to the Water Services Regulation Authority such Information as the Water Services Regulation Authority may from time to time reasonably request about the nature of any supply, service or trade effluent function made, provided or carried out under any such agreement or consent as is referred to in sub-paragraphs 1(6), 1(7) and 1(8) and the terms and conditions on which that supply, service or trade effluent function is made, provided or carried out.
6. This Condition shall not apply:
  - (1) Not used
  - (2) Not used
  - (3) so as to require the Appointee to contravene any local statutory provision;
  - (4) to:
    - (a) any such terms or conditions as are determined by the Water Services Regulation Authority (or by a person appointed by it) under section 56;
    - (b) any such conditions as are imposed by the Water Services Regulation Authority under section 122; or
    - (c) the provisions included in any notice served by the Environment Agency under section 132 or anything required to be done by the Appointee under section 133 so as to secure compliance with those provisions

or so as to require the Appointee to have regard to any such terms, conditions or provisions;

- (5) to any Water Infrastructure Charge or Sewerage Infrastructure Charge the amount of which does not exceed the relevant amount specified in Condition C which applies from time to time for the purposes of that Condition; or
- (6) to any terms and conditions on which any supply of water in bulk is given by the Appointee to another water undertaker.

## **Condition F : Accounts and accounting information**

### *1 Introduction and Application*

1.1 The purposes of this Condition are to ensure that:

- (1) the financial affairs of the Appointed Business can be assessed and reported on separately from other businesses and activities of the Appointee, as if its sole business consisted of being a water undertaker and/or sewerage undertaker having its equity share capital listed on the International Stock Exchange of United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland Ltd;
- (2) information on revenues, costs, assets and liabilities attributable to specified activities of the Appointed Business can be provided and reported on;
- (3) transactions between the Appointed Business and any other business or activity of the Appointee or any Associated Company can be assessed and reported on;
- (4) there is no cross-subsidy between the Appointed Business and any other business of the Appointee or between the Appointed Business and any Associated Company;
- (4A) the transfer of assets (including the provision of financial support) to Associated Companies does not adversely affect the Appointee's ability to carry out its functions as a water and sewerage undertaker or to finance those activities;
- (5) the Water Services Regulation Authority is furnished with regular accounting and other information to enable it to compare the financial position and performance (including, without limitation, costs) of the Appointed Business and of so much of the respective businesses and activities of all other undertakers holding appointments made under Chapter I of Part II of the Act as consists of the carrying out of the Regulated Activities; and
- (6) the Appointee has at its disposal sufficient financial and managerial resources to carry out the Regulated Activities (including any investment programme necessary to fulfil its obligation under the Appointment(s)).

1.2 Paragraphs 5, 7 and 8 of this Condition shall not apply until six months after the Water Services Regulation Authority has given notice to the Appointee of their application. Such notification shall take due regard of the size and activities of the Appointed Business.

### *2 Interpretation and Construction*

2.1 In this Condition and for the purposes of this Condition:

references to "**the Appointed Business**" shall be construed as if the Appointed Business included the management and holding by the Appointee of any protected land;

**"infrastructure assets"** means

- (1) Network Assets, as defined in paragraph 1 of Condition L; and
- (2) all of the following:
  - (a) valves and hydrants forming part of the water and trunk main systems;
  - (b) impounding and pumped raw water storage reservoirs;
  - (c) dams;
  - (d) sludge pipe lines; and
  - (e) outfall pipes and other pipes for the conveyance of effluent from any sewage disposal works of the Appointee which discharge directly into the sea or coastal waters;

**"infrastructure renewals expenditure"** means expenditure on maintaining or restoring the original operating capability, qualitative performance and condition of infrastructure assets, other than expenditure which is capitalised and routine day to day maintenance expenditure which is charged as an operating cost to the profit and loss account;

**"Principal Services"** means

- (1) water supply; and
- (2) sewerage services

and references to a Principal Service are to either and each of water supply and sewerage services;

**"sewerage services"** includes sewage treatment and disposal and reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent.

2.2 Except where otherwise expressly provided, references in this Condition to costs or liabilities shall be construed as including taxation, and references to any profit and loss account shall be construed accordingly.

2.3 For the purposes of this Condition:

- (1) all forms of property shall be assets, whether situated in the United Kingdom or not, including:
  - (a) options, debts and incorporeal property generally; and
  - (b) any currency including sterling;
- (2) references to the supply of a service include references to anything (including the services of any employee) being made available; and
- (3) references to a transfer of an asset or liability include references to a part transfer of an asset or liability and, without limitation, there is a part transfer of an asset where an interest or right in or over the asset is created.

### 3. *Accounting Records*

The Appointee shall keep proper accounting records in a form which enables the revenues, costs, assets and liabilities of, or reasonably attributable to, the respective businesses and activities of the Appointee described in this Condition and the other matters mentioned in this Condition to be separately identified, having regard to the terms of any guidelines notified from time to time by the Water Services Regulation Authority to the Appointee under paragraph 5, 6, 7, or 8.

### 4. *Accounting Statements*

4.1 The Appointee shall prepare on a consistent basis in respect of each financial year ending after the effective date accounting statements which shall comprise, and show separately in respect of each of:

- (1) the Appointed Business;
- (2) on an aggregated basis, all businesses and activities of the Appointee other than the Appointed Business; and
- (3) on an aggregated basis, all businesses and activities of the Appointee including the Appointed Business

a profit and loss account, a statement of assets and liabilities and a statement of source and application of funds, together with notes thereto, setting out the revenues, costs (including depreciation, where charged), assets and liabilities thereof, or reasonably attributable thereto.

4.2 Accounting statements prepared under sub-paragraph 4.1 shall:

- (1) so far as reasonably practicable having regard to the purposes of this Condition, have the same content as the annual accounts of the Appointee prepared under the 1985 Act and be prepared in

accordance with the formats and the accounting policies and principles which apply to those accounts; and

(2) state the principal accounting policies applied.

5. *Segmental Information*

5.1 Accounting statements prepared under paragraph 4 shall show or disclose separately:

(1) an analysis of total operating costs (excluding interest and taxation) of the Appointed Business showing separately for each Principal Service:

- (a) manpower costs;
- (b) other costs of employment;
- (c) power;
- (d) local authority rates;
- (e) water charges (including abstraction charges and amounts payable for taking supplies of water in bulk);
- (f) local authority sewerage agencies;
- (g) materials and consumables;
- (h) hired and contracted services;
- (i) charges for bad and doubtful debts;
- (j) depreciation and amortisation (where charged);
- (k) intangible assets written off;
- (l) infrastructure renewals expenditure;
- (m) exceptional items; and
- (n) on an aggregated basis, all other operating costs.

The analysis shall include the details reasonably necessary to reconcile the operating costs shown in it with the total operating costs (excluding interest and taxation) of the Appointee shown in the accounting statements prepared under paragraph 4 in respect of the same period;

(2) an analysis of total turnover of the Appointed Business showing separately turnover attributable to:

- (a) water supply and, separately on an aggregated basis, sewerage and sewage treatment and disposal (excluding reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent), distinguishing in each case between the provision of those services on a measured and unmeasured basis respectively;
  - (b) on an aggregated basis, reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent;
  - (c) grants; and
  - (d) on an aggregated basis, all other sources;
- (3) an analysis of total tangible fixed assets attributable to the Appointed Business showing separately:
- (a) for each of the items included in the annual accounts of the Appointee prepared under the 1985 Act required to be disclosed under section B of Part I of Schedule 4 to the 1985 Act; or
  - (b) for each of the items included in such other analysis of tangible fixed assets by asset type as is disclosed in those annual accounts; and
  - (c) if not separately disclosed in those annual accounts, for infrastructure assets

amounts attributable to each Principal Service, and as a separate category, on an aggregated basis tangible fixed assets which are not attributable to either Principal Service.

The analysis shall include:

- (i) the details reasonably necessary to reconcile the tangible fixed assets shown in it with the tangible fixed assets shown in the analysis prepared under this sub-paragraph in respect of the immediately preceding financial year (including details of grants);
  - (ii) a statement of any assets which have been re-classified as current assets during the relevant financial year; and
  - (iii) to the extent that information is required to be given in respect of any of the items included in the annual accounts of the Appointee prepared under the 1985 Act referred to in this sub-paragraph 5.1(3) by virtue of Part III of Schedule 4 to the 1985 Act, the same information in respect of those items; and
- (4) details necessary to reconcile expenditure made or incurred in relation to infrastructure assets with the expenditure made or incurred in relation to Network Assets during the same financial year as shown in the statement

required to be delivered to the Water Services Regulation Authority under sub-paragraph 5.3 of Condition L.

- 5.2 Accounting statements prepared under paragraph 4 shall show separately for each item relating to sewerage services included in the analyses under sub-paragraphs 5.1(1) (operating costs) and 5.1(3) (tangible fixed assets) an analysis between amounts which are attributable to sewerage (including reception of trade effluent) and sewage treatment and disposal (including treatment and disposal of trade effluent).
- 5.3 The Water Services Regulation Authority may, after consulting with such bodies as are reasonably representative of undertakers holding appointments made under Chapter 1 of Part II of the Act or, if none, the Appointee, from time to time by reasonable notice to the Appointee specify in such guidelines as are reasonable and appropriate for the purpose set out in sub-paragraph 1(5), variations of:
- (1) the matters required to be shown or disclosed under sub-paragraph 5.1(1) (but not so as to require separate analyses of matters comprised within any of the items listed in that sub-paragraph); and
  - (2) the items in respect of which the analysis of total fixed assets is to be prepared under sub-paragraph 5.1(3)

and thereafter the Appointee shall show or disclose information under sub-paragraph 5.1(1) in respect of those matters or, as the case may be, shall prepare the analysis under sub-paragraph 5.1(3) in respect of those items, in each case as so varied from time to time.

6. *Transactions entered into by the Appointee or the Appointed Business with or for the benefit of Associated Companies or other businesses or activities of the Appointee*
- 6.1 The Appointee shall ensure that every transaction between the Appointed Business and any Associated Company (or between the Appointed Business and any other business or activity of the Appointee) is at arm's length, so that neither gives to nor receives from the other any cross-subsidy.
- 6.2 Subject to sub-paragraphs 6.3 to 6.7, accounting statements prepared under paragraph 4 shall disclose in relation to each transaction of a description specified in the first column of the Appendix to this Condition which took place during the financial year to which those statements relate, the company or, as the case may be, the business or activity which was party to the transaction with the Appointee or, as the case may be, the Appointed Business or which otherwise benefited from the transaction and the information in relation to that transaction specified in the second column of that Appendix.
- 6.3 Subject to sub-paragraph 6.4, any amount required to be disclosed in relation to a transaction specified in paragraph 3,4,5, or 6 of the Appendix may be aggregated with any amount relating to any other transaction falling within the

same paragraph with the same company or other business or activity of the Appointee.

- 6.4 Subject to sub-paragraph 6.7, if the amount to be disclosed under sub-paragraph 6.2 in respect of any single transaction between the Appointee and any Associated Company (or between the Appointed Business and any other business or activity of the Appointee) exceeds 0.5% of the turnover of the Appointed Business, or £100,000, whichever is the greater, then that transaction shall not be aggregated under sub-paragraph 6.3 and the Appointee shall include in any accounting statement prepared under paragraph 4 the information about that transaction which is specified in the Appendix in relation to a transaction of that kind and which complies with any guidelines issued by the Water Services Regulation Authority for this purpose.
- 6.5 The Appointee shall, when submitting accounting statements prepared under paragraph 4 to the Water Services Regulation Authority, report to it the turnover of any Associated Company with which the Appointed Business has undertaken any transaction of any kind specified in the Appendix.
- 6.6 Nothing in sub-paragraph 6.2 shall require the disclosure of any information if the aggregate of any amounts required to be disclosed under paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Appendix relating to transactions with the same company or other business or activity of the Appointee is not material to the Appointed Business as a whole. For the avoidance of doubt, if the aggregate of such amounts is material to the Appointed Business as a whole then information shall be disclosed in accordance with this paragraph and the Appendix in relation to each such transaction (subject always to sub-paragraph 6.3). For the purpose of this sub-paragraph the question whether an amount is material to the Appointed Business as a whole shall be determined by the Auditors by reference to whichever is the greater of:
- (1) The book value of the asset or liability the subject of, or affected by, the transaction; and
  - (2) The consideration or other charge given, paid or waived.
- 6.7 Nothing in this paragraph 6 or the Appendix shall require the disclosure of information which relates solely to a transaction wholly unconnected with the Appointed Business.
- 6.8 The Appointee shall not, in respect of any Charging Year, make any payments to any Associated Company in respect of the services rendered to the Appointee by that company, which exceeds:
- (i) such prices in respect of the service in question which the Appointee has ascertained by market testing in accordance with such arrangements as the Water Services Regulation Authority may have approved for the purpose of this paragraph and as set out in Regulatory Accounting Guideline 5 (Transfer Pricing in the Water and Sewerage Industry) or any revision or modification of it for the time being in force, provided that those arrangements have no

prejudicial effect upon the proper carrying out of the Appointee's functions or any of them; or

- (ii) if, in the opinion of the Water Services Regulation Authority, the Appointee has demonstrated that market testing as described in (i) above is inappropriate, such proportion as the Water Services Regulation Authority may agree of the Associated Company's costs in providing to the Appointee the service in question (including a reasonable return to the Associated Company).

6.9 Without prejudice to paragraphs 6.1 to 6.7 above, the Appointee shall obtain from any Associated Company referred to in paragraph 6.8, such information about the latter's costs as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require.

6.10 The Appointee shall not, without the consent of the Water Services Regulation Authority and otherwise than in compliance with its directions concerning the valuation of the asset and the treatment of the consideration in the Appointee's accounts, transfer to any Associated Company to which paragraph 6.8 applies any right or asset to which Condition K applies.

6.11(1) The Appointee shall not, without the consent of the Water Services Regulation Authority

- (i) give any guarantee of any liability of any Associated Company; or
- (ii) make to any such company any loan.

6.11(1A) The Appointee shall not, without the consent of the Water Services Regulation Authority,

- (i) enter into an agreement or incur a commitment incorporating a cross-default obligation, or
- (ii) subject to sub-paragraph (1B) below, continue or permit to remain in effect any agreement or commitment incorporating a cross-default obligation.

6.11(1B) Where liability under the cross-default obligation would arise only on a default by a subsidiary company of the Appointee, the Appointee may permit that cross-default obligation to remain in effect for the period for which it was fixed by the instrument which created it, so long as its potential liability is not increased and no changes are made in the terms under which that liability might arise.

6.11(2) For the purposes of this paragraph 6.11

- (a) "**liability**" includes the creation of any mortgage, charge, pledge, lien or other form of security or encumbrance, the making of any loan and the undertaking of any other indebtedness;
- (b) "**loan**" includes the transfer or lending, by any means, of any sum of money or of any rights of that sum; and

- (c) "**cross-default obligation**" means a term of any agreement or arrangement whereby the Appointee's liability to pay or repay any debt or other sum arises or is increased or accelerated by reason of a default of any person other than the Appointee.

6.12 Without prejudice to the application of paragraph 6.2 the Appointee shall declare or pay dividends only in accordance with a dividend policy which has been approved by the Board of the Appointee and which complies with the following principles –

- (i) the dividends declared or paid will not impair the ability of the Appointee to finance the Appointed Business; and
- (ii) under a system of incentive regulation dividends would be expected to reward efficiency and the management of economic risk.

#### 6A *Ring-Fencing*

6A.1 The Appointee shall at all times act in the manner best calculated to ensure that it has adequate:

- (a) financial resources and facilities; and
- (b) management resources

to enable it to carry out the Regulated Activities (including the investment programme necessary to fulfil its obligations under the Appointments).

6A.2A The Appointee shall, at the same time as it complies with sub-paragraph 9.3 (submission of accounting statements) submit to the Water Services Regulation Authority a Certificate in the following terms:

- (1) that in the opinion of the Directors the Appointee will have available to it sufficient financial resources and facilities to enable it to carry out, for at least the next 12 months, the Regulated Activities (including the investment programme necessary to fulfil the Appointee's obligations under the Appointment(s));
- (2) that in the opinion of the Directors the Appointee will, for at least the next 12 months, have available to it management resources which are sufficient to enable it to carry out those functions; and
- (3) that, in the opinion of the Directors, all contracts entered into with any Associated Company include all necessary provisions and requirements concerning the standard of service to be supplied to the Appointee, to ensure that it is able to meet all its obligations as a water undertaker.

- 6A.2B(1) The Appointee shall, when it complies with sub-paragraph 6A.2A, submit with each Certificate a statement of the main factors which the Directors have taken into account in giving that Certificate.
- 6A.2B(2) Without prejudice to sub-paragraph 6A.3 below, the Directors shall inform the Water Services Regulation Authority in writing as soon as they become aware of any circumstance which causes them to believe that the most recent Certificate under sub-paragraph 6A.2A could not be repeated in the light of that circumstance.
- 6A.3(1) Whenever the Directors become aware that the Appointee or any Group Company is proposing to embark upon any activity which is not one of those described in sub-paragraph 6A.1 and which may be material in relation to the Appointee's ability to finance the carrying out of the functions mentioned in that sub-paragraph, they shall as soon as is practicable, having regard to the purposes of this Condition, notify the Water Services Regulation Authority about that proposal.
- 6A.3(2) Not later than 14 days after the Directors become aware that the Appointee or any Group Company has embarked upon any activity to which sub-paragraph 6A.3(1) applies, they shall submit to the Water Services Regulation Authority a Certificate in the terms specified in sub-paragraph 6A.2A.
- 6A.4 Each Certificate under sub-paragraph 6A.2A, 6A.2B or 6A.3 shall be either:
- (1) signed by all the Directors of the Appointee for the time being; or
  - (2) approved by a duly-convened meeting of the Board of Directors of the Appointee for the time being, signed (in confirmation of that approval) by a Director or the Secretary of the Appointee and have attached to it a certified copy of an extract of the minutes of the relevant meeting containing the resolution to approve it; and
  - (3) in the case of each Certificate under sub-paragraph 6A.2A, shall be accompanied by a report prepared by the Appointee's Auditors and addressed to the Water Services Regulation Authority, stating whether they are aware of any inconsistencies between that Certificate and either the statements referred to in sub-paragraph 9.3 or any information which the Auditors obtained in the course of their work as the Appointee's Auditors and, if so, what they are.
- 6A.5A The Appointee shall, at all times, conduct the Appointed Business as if it were substantially the Appointee's sole business and the Appointee were a separate public limited company. The Appointee should have particular regard to the following in the application of this Condition:

- (a) the composition of the Board of the Appointee should be such that the Directors, acting as such, act independently of the parent company or controlling shareholder and exclusively in the interests of the Appointee;
- (b) the Appointee must ensure that each of its Directors must disclose, to the Appointee and the Water Services Regulation Authority, conflicts between duties of the Directors as Directors of the Appointee and other duties;
- (c) where potential conflicts exist between the interests of the Appointee as a water and a sewerage undertaker and those of other Group Companies, the Appointee and its Directors must ensure that, in acting as Directors of the Appointee, they should have regard exclusively to the interests of the Appointee as a water and a sewerage undertaker;
- (d) no Director of the Appointee should vote on any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he has an interest by virtue of other directorships. This arrangement should be reflected in the Articles of Association of the Appointee;
- (e) the Appointee should inform the Water Services Regulation Authority without delay when:
  - (i) a new Director is appointed;
  - (ii) the resignation or removal of a Director takes effect; or
  - (iii) any important change in the functions or executive responsibilities of a Director occurs.

The Appointee should notify the Water Services Regulation Authority of the effective date of the change and, in the case of an appointment, whether the position is executive or non-executive and the nature of any specific function or responsibility;

- (f) the dividend policy adopted by the Appointee and the implications of sub-paragraph 6.12 of this Condition F; and
- (g) the Principles of Good Governance and Code of Best Practice (or any successor document having a similar purpose and content) as may from time to time be incorporated into or approved for the purposes of the Listing Rules of the Financial Services Authority.

6A.5B The Appointee shall, at such times and in such ways as may from time to time be required by the Listing Rules of the Financial Services Authority, publish such information about its annual final results as is by those rules

required to be announced by a company whose shares are for the time being listed on the London Stock Exchange.

7. *Basis of allocations and apportionments*

7.1 The analyses of operating costs and tangible fixed assets prepared under sub-paragraphs 5.1(1), 5.1(3) and 5.2 shall give a description of the bases of any apportionments or allocations of costs and assets and shall be prepared in accordance with any guidelines which may be issued from time to time by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sub-paragraph 7.3.

7.2 Accounting statements prepared under paragraph 4 and, where relevant, the description of transactions prepared under paragraph 6 shall:

- (1) describe the basis of any apportionment or allocation of revenues, costs, assets and liabilities between the Appointed Business and any other business or activity of the Appointee or between the Appointee and any Associated Company;
- (2) specify the nature of the revenues, costs, assets or liabilities which have been so apportioned or allocated; and
- (3) specify between which business, activity or Associated Company the revenues, costs, assets or liabilities have been so apportioned or allocated.

7.3 The Water Services Regulation Authority may, after consulting such bodies as are reasonably representative of undertakers holding appointments made under Chapter I of Part II of the Act, or if none, the Appointee, from time to time by reasonable notice to the Appointee issue such guidelines as are reasonable and appropriate for the purpose set out in sub-paragraph 1(5) as to the bases of allocations and apportionments to be adopted in preparing the analyses required under sub-paragraphs 5.1(1) and 5.1(3) and 5.2 and in making the allocations and apportionments referred to in sub-paragraph 7.2(1) and thereafter the Appointee shall prepare the analyses and make the allocations and apportionments in accordance with such guidelines as may apply from time to time.

8. *Current Cost Accounting Statements*

8.1 In addition to preparing accounting statements under paragraph 4, the Appointee shall prepare accounting statements, on the current cost basis in respect of the same period in accordance with such guidelines as are reasonable and appropriate for the purposes of this Condition as the Water Services Regulation Authority may from time to time, after consulting with such bodies as are reasonably representative of undertakers holding appointments made under Chapter I of Part II of the Act or, if none, the Appointee, notify to the Appointee for the purposes of this paragraph.

8.2 Guidelines notified by the Water Services Regulation Authority to the Appointee under sub-paragraph 8.1 may:

- (1) specify the form and content of current cost accounting statements, including information on specified types of revenue, cost, asset or liability and information on the revenues, costs, assets and liabilities attributable to specified activities, provided that the guidelines may not require the Appointee to disclose information in such current cost accounting statements in respect of items in respect of which the Appointee is not required to give information in accounting statements prepared under paragraph 4 from time to time;
- (2) require any reconciliation that may be required with the annual accounts of the Appointee prepared under the 1985 Act;
- (3) specify the accounting principles and the bases of valuation to be used in preparing current cost accounting statements; and
- (4) specify the nature of the report by the Auditors required to be given in respect of accounting statements.

9. *Audit and publication of accounting statements*

9.1 The Appointee shall procure the following reports by the Auditors addressed to the Water Services Regulation Authority:

- (1) in respect of each set of accounting statements prepared under this Condition, a report stating whether in their opinion:
  - (a) proper accounting records have been kept by the Appointee as required by paragraph 3; and
  - (b) that set of accounting statements (including the information required to be shown or disclosed under paragraphs 5, 6 and 7) is in agreement with the Appointee's accounting records and complies with the relevant paragraphs (including any relevant guidelines) or, in the case of accounting statements prepared under paragraph 8, complies with the relevant guidelines;
- (2) in respect of each set of accounting statements prepared under paragraph 4, a report stating whether in their opinion that set of accounting statements represents a true and fair view of the revenues, costs, assets and liabilities of, or reasonably attributable to, the businesses and activities mentioned in paragraph 4; and
- (3) in respect of each set of accounting statements prepared under paragraph 8, a statement of opinion as to such other matters as may be specified in the guidelines applying to those accounting statements.

- 9.2 The Appointee shall enter into a contract of appointment with the Auditors which shall include a term that the Auditors will provide such further explanation or clarification of their reports, and such further Information in respect of the matters which are the subject of their reports, as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require.
- 9.3 The Appointee shall deliver to the Water Services Regulation Authority a copy of each set of accounting statements prepared under this Condition and of each report referred to in sub-paragraph 9.1 as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event not later than 15th July following the end of the financial year to which they relate.
- 9.4 Accounting statements prepared under this Condition (excluding the information required to be disclosed under sub-paragraphs 5.1(4) and 5.2, paragraph 6 and sub-paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and any information exempted from this sub-paragraph from time to time by the Water Services Regulation Authority by notice to the Appointee), together with the Auditors' reports delivered to the Water Services Regulation Authority under sub-paragraph 9.3 in respect of those accounting statements (but excluding any part of any such report to the extent that it relates specifically to any information excluded or exempted from this sub-paragraph as aforesaid), shall be published with the annual accounts of the Appointee prepared under the 1985 Act or, at the Appointee's option, with the annual accounts of its holding company prepared under the 1985 Act and copies thereof made available upon request to customers.
10. *Guidelines and references to the Competition Commission*
- 10.1 The Appointee may, by notice given to the Water Services Regulation Authority within 1 month of the date of any such notice or notification as is referred to in paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8, require the Water Services Regulation Authority to refer to the Competition Commission for determination by it the question whether the guidelines the subject of the relevant notice or notification are appropriate and reasonable for the purposes specified in the relevant paragraph.
- 10.2 Where the Appointee requires the Water Services Regulation Authority to make a reference to the Competition Commission under sub-paragraph 10.1 any guidelines issued by the Water Services Regulation Authority which are the subject of that reference shall not apply unless and until the Competition Commission determines that they shall apply.

## APPENDIX

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
<p>1 Any borrowings or sums lent:</p> <p>(a) by or to the Appointed Business to or by any other business or activity of the Appointee; or</p> <p>(b) by or to the Appointee to or by any Associated Company.</p>	<p>1. The principal of the amount borrowed or lent, the date on which or the dates between which repayment is to be made and the rate of interest payable.</p>
<p>1A Any dividend paid to any Associated Company.</p>	<p>1A The basis on which the dividend has been established.</p>
<p>2. The giving of any guarantee or any other form of security by the Appointee for or in respect of any obligations of any Associated Company.</p>	<p>2. The form of the guarantee or other security given, the assets the subject of the security, the amount of the obligation (including where relevant the rate of interest payable) and the date of maturity of the obligation.</p>
<p>3. The transfer of any asset or liability:</p> <p>(a) to or by the Appointee by or to an Associated Company; or</p> <p>(b) to or by the Appointed Business by or to any other business or activity of the Appointee.</p>	<p>3. The asset or liability the subject of the transfer, the amount of the consideration for the transfer and the value attributed to the asset or liability in the accounting records kept by the Appointee.</p>
<p>4. The supply of any service by or to the Appointee to or by an Associated Company or by or to the Appointed Business to or by any other business or activity of the Appointee.</p>	<p>4. The nature of the service supplied, the terms on which it was supplied and the total charge made for the service.</p>
<p>5 The omission by the Appointee or any Associated Company to exercise a right as a result of which the value* of the aggregate assets less the aggregate liabilities ("net assets") of the Appointee is decreased.</p>	<p>5. The company omitting to exercise the right and the amount by which the value* of the net assets of the Appointee is decreased.</p>
<p>6. The waiver by the Appointee or the Appointed Business of any consideration, remuneration or other payment owed to it by any Associated Company or other business or activity of the Appointee.</p>	<p>6. The amount of the consideration, remuneration or payment waived.</p>

\*For this purpose the value shall be taken to be the value attributed to the relevant items in the accounting records kept by the Appointee or, in the case of an interest in land or buildings which is affected by the omission, the open market value of that interest or, where under Condition K a Certificate as to the best price of that interest has been furnished to the Water Services Regulation Authority, that best price.

**Condition G: Code of Practice for Customers and relations with the Consumer Council for Water**

1. The Appointee shall within two months after the effective date prepare and submit to the Water Services Regulation Authority for its approval a Code of Practice:
  - (1) describing the nature of the services to domestic customers provided by the Appointee in the course of the Appointed Business;
  - (2) describing the tariffs charged to domestic customers and such other terms on which those services are provided as the Appointee considers appropriate for inclusion;
  - (3) describing arrangements for the payment of bills by domestic customers including information about payment by instalments and budget plans;
  - (4) describing the procedure for handling complaints from domestic customers established by the Appointee under paragraph 7;
  - (5) setting out information as to the availability of, facilities for, and any amount payable in respect of, the testing of meters and describing the method of proof and effect of a meter reading, liability for charges after ceasing to occupy metered premises and the offences referred to in section 175 (Offence of tampering with meter);
  - (6) informing customers what they should do in cases of emergency and when making enquiries of the Appointee; and
  - (7) describing the functions of the Council under the Act and informing customers where they can contact the Council.
2. The Appointee shall, not less frequently than once every three years and if and whenever requested to do so by the Water Services Regulation Authority but not more frequently than once a year, review the Code and the manner in which it has operated, with a view to determining whether any modification should be made to it or to the manner of its operation.
3. In carrying out any review of, or making any substantive revision of, the Code or its operation (whether under paragraph 2 or otherwise) the Appointee shall consult the Council and shall consider any representations made by it about the Code or the manner in which it is likely to be or, as the case may be, has been operated.
4. The Appointee shall submit to the Water Services Regulation Authority for its approval any revision of the Code which, after consulting the Council if so required under paragraph 3, it wishes to make.
5. The Appointee shall make such modifications to the Code and any revision of the Code as the Water Services Regulation Authority, after prior consultation with the Appointee, may specify within two months after the date on which the Code or, as the case may be, the relevant revision is submitted to it under paragraph 1 or, as the case may be, under paragraph 4 as a condition of approving the Code under

paragraph 1 or, as the case may be, approving any revision of the Code under paragraph 4, being such modifications as in the Water Services Regulation Authority's opinion are necessary to ensure that the Code complies with the requirements specified in paragraph 1. The Water Services Regulation Authority's approval shall be deemed to have been given if, within the said period of two months, it shall not have specified any such modifications to the Code or, as the case may be, the relevant revision.

6. The Appointee shall:
  - (1) send a copy of the Code and each revision of it (in each case in the form approved, or deemed approved, by the Water Services Regulation Authority) to the Council;
  - (2) draw the attention of domestic customers to the existence of the Code and each substantive revision of it and how they may inspect or obtain a copy of the Code in its latest form;
  - (3) make a copy of the Code in its latest form available for inspection at each relevant Premises;
  - (4) send a copy of the Code in its latest form free of charge to any person requesting it; and
  - (5) provide the information referred to in sub-paragraph (5) of paragraph 1 with every demand for payment of charges which are fixed by reference to metered volume.
7. The Appointee shall establish within two months after the effective date a procedure for handling complaints from customers about the manner in which the Appointee carries out the Appointed Business, which shall include particulars of the training to be given to staff in the handling of complaints.
8. The Appointee shall provide special means of identifying officers authorised by the Appointee when they visit customers' premises.
9. Subject to paragraph 10, the Appointee shall at the request of the Regional Committee meet the Regional Committee not less frequently than once in each Charging Year and on such other occasions as the Regional Committee may reasonably request.
10. The Appointee shall not be required to meet the Regional Committee under this Condition before the expiry of three months after the effective date.
11. At not less than one meeting in each Charging Year held pursuant to paragraph 9 the Appointee shall be represented by at least one Director of the Appointee.



## **Condition H: Code of Practice and Procedure on Debt Recovery**

1. The Appointee shall within two months after the effective date prepare and submit to the Water Services Regulation Authority for its approval a Code of Practice which shall:
  - (1) give guidance to domestic customers who have difficulty in paying their bills;
  - (2) describe the range of procedures which may be adopted by the Appointee to collect outstanding debt from domestic customers; and
  - (3) contain such other information as the Appointee considers appropriate.
2. The Appointee shall, not less frequently than once every three years and if and whenever requested to do so by the Water Services Regulation Authority but not more frequently than once a year, review the Code and the manner in which it has been operated, with a view to determining whether any modification should be made to it or to the manner of its operation.
3. In carrying out any review of, or making any substantive revision of, the Code or its operation (whether under paragraph 2 or otherwise) the Appointee shall consult the Council and shall consider any representations made by it about the Code or the manner in which it is likely to be or, as the case may be, has been operated.
4. The Appointee shall submit to the Water Services Regulation Authority for its approval any revision of the Code which, after consulting the Council if so required under paragraph 3, it wishes to make.
5. The Appointee shall make such modifications to the Code and any revision of the Code as the Water Services Regulation Authority, after prior consultation with the Appointee, may specify within two months after the date on which the Code or, as the case may be, the relevant revision is submitted to it under paragraph 1 or, as the case may be, paragraph 4 as a condition of approving the Code under paragraph 1 or, as the case may be, approving any revision of the Code under paragraph 4, being such modifications as in the Water Services Regulation Authority's opinion are necessary to ensure that the Code complies with the requirements specified in subparagraph 1(1) and 1(2). The Water Services Regulation Authority's approval shall be deemed to have been given if, within the said period of two months, it shall not have specified any such modifications to the Code or, as the case may be, the relevant revision.
6. The Appointee shall:
  - (1) send a copy of the Code and each revision of it (in each case, in the form approved, or deemed approved, by the Water Services Regulation Authority) to the Council;
  - (2) with every demand for payment of charges, draw the attention of domestic customers to the existence of the Code in its latest form and how they may inspect or obtain a copy;
  - (3) make a copy of the Code in its latest form available for inspection at each

Relevant Premises; and

- (4) send a copy of the Code in its latest form free of charge to any person requesting it.



## **Condition I: Code of Practice and Procedure on Leakage**

1. In this Condition "**supply pipe**" means that part of the service pipe for which the owner is responsible.
2. The Appointee shall within two months after the effective date prepare and submit to the Water Services Regulation Authority for its approval a Code of Practice concerning liability for charges of domestic customers occupying metered premises where there is an unidentified leak on the supply pipe. The Code shall contain information as to the procedures described in paragraph 8 and such other information as the Appointee considers appropriate.
3. The Appointee shall, not less frequently than once every three years and if and whenever requested to do so by the Water Services Regulation Authority but not more frequently than once a year, review the Code and the manner in which it has been operated, with a view to determining whether any modification should be made to it or the manner of its operation.
4. In carrying out any review of, or making any substantive revision of, the Code or its operation (whether under paragraph 3 or otherwise) the Appointee shall consult the Council and shall consider any representations made by it about the Code or the manner in which it is likely to be or, as the case may be, has been operated.
5. The Appointee shall submit to the Water Services Regulation Authority for its approval any revision of the Code which, after consulting the Council if so required under paragraph 4, it wishes to make.
6. The Appointee shall make such modifications to the Code and any revision of the Code as the Water Services Regulation Authority, after prior consultation with the Appointee, may specify within two months of the date on which the Code or, as the case may be, the relevant revision is submitted to it under paragraph 2 or, as the case may be, under paragraph 5 as a condition of approving the Code under paragraph 2 or, as the case may be, approving any revision of the Code under paragraph 5, being such modifications as in the Water Services Regulation Authority's opinion are necessary to ensure that the Code contains the information required by paragraph 2. The Water Services Regulation Authority's approval shall be deemed to have been given if, within the said period of two months, it shall not have specified any such modifications to the Code or, as the case may be, the relevant revision.
7. The Appointee shall:
  - (1) send a copy of the Code and each revision of it (in each case in the form approved, or deemed approved, by the Water Services Regulation Authority) to the Council;
  - (2) with every demand for payment of charges which are fixed by reference to volume, draw the attention of domestic customers to the existence of the Code in its latest form and how they may inspect or obtain a copy;
  - (3) make a copy of the Code in its latest form available for inspection at each Relevant Premises; and

- (4) send a copy of the Code in its latest form free of charge to any person requesting it.
- 8.1 The Appointee shall follow the procedures described in this paragraph.
- 8.2 At the time when a meter is installed, the Appointee shall check the supply pipe between the meter and the customer's tap to establish if there are significant leaks in that pipe. Where as a result of that check a leak is detected in the supply pipe which can be repaired without additional excavation at the time the meter is installed the Appointee shall repair the leak at the Appointee's expense. Where as a result of that check a leak is detected which cannot be repaired without additional excavation, the Appointee shall notify the customer of the leak and ask the customer to repair it at the customer's expense. If the customer then fails to repair the leak, the Appointee shall be entitled to treat any subsequent loss of water as consumption by the customer and to charge the customer accordingly.
- 8.3 Subject to sub-paragraph 8.2, where, after a meter has been installed, a subsequent meter reading indicates that a customer has an abnormally high consumption which could be due to an undetected leak in the supply pipe, then if a leak is subsequently discovered the Appointee shall make an adjustment to the customer's measured charges provided that the customer (or the owner responsible for the supply pipe) carries out the necessary remedial work at the customer's, or as the case may be, the owner's direction and expense within a reasonable period of time specified by the Appointee. The Appointee shall not be required to make such an adjustment in the event of a subsequent leak or where a leak has been caused through the negligence of the customer (or the owner responsible for the supply pipe) or their respective agents or where the customer knew or ought to have known that there was a leak and failed to repair it.
- 8.4 Where the Appointee is required to make an adjustment to the customer's measured charges under sub-paragraph 8.3, the adjustment shall be based upon the customer's past normal consumption. Where there is no record of past consumption, the adjustment shall be based upon typical usage for property of a similar type and the customer's measured charges shall be further adjusted if the customer's subsequent actual usage is significantly different.
- 8.5 Where the Appointee is required to make an adjustment to a customer's measured charges for water supply under this paragraph it shall make a similar adjustment to the customer's measured charges for sewerage services, provided that where sewerage services are provided in relation to the same premises by a different undertaker then the Appointee shall inform that undertaker as soon as reasonably practicable that the Appointee is required to make such an adjustment to the customer's measured charges for water supply and of the basis on which the adjustment has been, or will be, made.
- 8.6 Where the Appointee is informed by any water undertaker that it is required to make an adjustment to a customer's measured charges for a supply of water to any premises in relation to which the Appointee provides sewerage services the Appointee shall make an adjustment to the customer's measured charges for sewerage services on a basis similar to that made by that water undertaker.



## Condition J: Levels of Service Information and Service Targets

### Part I. *Levels of Service Information*

A1. Paragraphs 1 to 13 of this Condition shall not apply until the Water Services Regulation Authority has given notice to the Appointee under paragraph 1.2 of Condition F of the application of paragraphs 5, 7 and 8 of that Condition.

#### 1. *Provision of Information*

1.1 The Appointee shall in respect of each Charging Year, starting with the Charging Year commencing on 1st April immediately after the Water Services Regulation Authority has given notice under paragraph A1, furnish Information to the Water Services Regulation Authority once in each Charging Year in respect of such matters as the Water Services Regulation Authority may specify for the purposes of this Condition.

1.2 Where the Water Services Regulation Authority is satisfied that the provision of Information in respect of the matters referred to in sub-paragraph 1.1 is inadequate to enable it properly to keep the quality of the services provided by the Appointee in the course of the Appointed Business ("**Services**") under review the Water Services Regulation Authority may, subject to prior consultation with the Appointee, by notice to the Appointee vary the matters in respect of which Information is to be furnished under sub-paragraph 1.1 in a manner which is reasonable having regard to the Water Services Regulation Authority's duties under sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 27 and thereafter the Appointee shall in respect of each Charging Year furnish Information to the Water Services Regulation Authority in respect of those matters as so varied. The Water Services Regulation Authority may, subject as aforesaid, make variations from time to time under this sub-paragraph and references in this sub-paragraph to the matters specified shall be read and construed as though they were references to the matters specified as varied from time to time.

1.3 Where the Water Services Regulation Authority considers it requisite or expedient for the purpose of deciding whether to make an application to the Secretary of State under section 39 or 96 (and, if so, what provisions should be set out in the application) or to require the Appointee to notify a Service Target under sub-paragraph 3.2 the Appointee shall furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority:

- (1) such further Information as the Water Services Regulation Authority reasonably requires in respect of the quality of Services; and
- (2) Information in respect of the quality of Services in respect of any reasonable period other than a Charging Year and/or more frequently than once in a Charging Year (but not more frequently than is reasonable) as may be specified by the Water Services Regulation Authority. Such Information, at the Appointee's option, may consist of updating Information previously furnished to the Water Services Regulation Authority under sub-paragraph 1.1, 1.2 or 1.3(1).

1.4 In this Condition references to the quality of Services shall include references to the manner in which the Appointee carries out the Regulated Activities.

## 2. *Reports, Certificates etc*

Information furnished to the Water Services Regulation Authority by the Appointee under paragraph 1 (other than under sub-paragraph 1.3) and, where the Water Services Regulation Authority so requires, Information furnished to it by the Appointee under that sub-paragraph, ("**Levels of Service Information**") shall be accompanied by:

- (1) a report, signed by or on behalf of the Appointee, containing such information as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably specify as to the methods used, and the steps taken, by the Appointee for the purpose of monitoring, assessing and reporting on the matters in respect of which Levels of Service Information has been furnished; and
- (2) a statement, signed by or on behalf of the Appointee, of the reasons why, and the extent to which, (if such be the case) the quality of any Services shall have been such that any standard by reference to which Levels of Service Information has been furnished shall not have been met. The statement shall include, without limitation, information as to the categories of persons to whom those Services have been so provided or who have been affected by the carrying on of the Appointed Business in that manner and their geographical distribution.

## Part II. *Service Targets*

### 3. *Setting of Service Targets by the Appointee*

- 3.1 The Appointee shall once in each Charging Year, starting with the Charging Year commencing on 1st April immediately after the Water Services Regulation Authority has given notice under paragraph A1, notify the Water Services Regulation Authority of its intentions as to the quality of such Services as the Water Services Regulation Authority may specify for the purposes of this Condition in respect of each Charging Year falling within the period beginning at the start of the Charging Year in which the notification falls to be given and ending on the expiry of such number of Charging Years as the Water Services Regulation Authority may specify and otherwise in accordance with the procedures so specified.
- 3.2 Where the Water Services Regulation Authority considers it requisite or expedient for the purpose of enabling it properly to keep the quality of Services under review the Water Services Regulation Authority may require the Appointee to notify it of its intentions as to the quality of such other Services in accordance with such requirements as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably specify.
- 3.3 The Appointee's intentions shall be expressed in any notification under sub-paragraph 3.1 or 3.2 as a target (a "**Service Target**") for achievement by such date or over such period or at such times during such period as the Water Services Regulation Authority may specify under either of those sub-paragraphs and in respect of the whole or such part of the Area it may specify.

### 4. *Monitoring of Service Targets*

The Appointee shall keep under review during each Charging Year the quality of Services as compared with any relevant Service Target notified by it to the Water Services Regulation Authority under paragraph 3 as a target for achievement during that Charging Year or by a date or at a time during that Charging Year or over a period including that Charging Year. For this purpose the Appointee shall take such steps to monitor and assess the quality of Services as may be necessary to enable such comparison to be made and to enable the Appointee to make the report referred to in paragraph 5.

5. *Reporting on Service Targets*

5.1 The Appointee shall furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority a written report (a "**Service Target Report**") as to the quality of Services as compared with any relevant Service Target.

5.2 A Service Target Report shall include:

- (1) all such Information as in the opinion of the Appointee is necessary to provide a proper explanation of the Report and of the quality of Services as compared with any relevant Service Target;
- (2) a statement of the methods used by the Appointee to keep the quality of Services under review in accordance with paragraph 4 and the steps taken by it to monitor and assess the quality of Services in accordance with that paragraph; and
- (3) if a Service Target in respect of foul flooding has been notified by the Appointee to the Water Services Regulation Authority relating to the Charging Year in respect of which the relevant Service Target Report is furnished, a statement as to the Appointee's practice in dealing with claims arising out of loss or damage alleged to have been caused by foul flooding.

5.3 Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph 5.2, a Service Target Report may include a statement of:

- (1) any matters which, in the opinion of the Appointee, will or may result in the Appointee being unable to achieve any Service Target or which have resulted in the Appointee being unable to achieve any Service Target to the extent that it was expressed in the notification to the Water Services Regulation Authority under paragraph 4 to be a target for achievement during the relevant Charging Year or by a date or at a time during that Charging Year;
- (2) any matters which have made it impossible for the Appointee to ascertain, either at all or with reasonable accuracy, whether or not any Service Target has been, or is likely to be, achieved; and
- (3) any exceptional matters or matters out of the ordinary course and in each case outside the reasonable control of the Appointee which have affected the quality of any Services and which could fairly be said to render or to have rendered the achievement of any Service Target substantially more onerous.

- 5.4 The Appointee may also specify in a Service Target Report any revision of any Service Target which the Appointee has determined to make having regard to any matters included in that Service Target Report, including, without limitation, such matters as are referred to in sub-paragraph 5.3. Such revision may be, without limitation, as to the date by, or the period over, or the times at, which during any period the relevant Service Target was intended to be achieved, or the part of the Area in respect of which the relevant Service Target was intended to be achieved. Any such revised Service Target is hereinafter referred to as a "**Revised Service Target**". Paragraphs 4, 5 (including this sub-paragraph) and 6 to 13 inclusive shall apply mutatis mutandis to any Revised Service Target.
- 5.5 The Appointee shall once in each Charging Year furnish a Service Target Report to the Water Services Regulation Authority in respect of that Charging Year, provided that, if the Water Services Regulation Authority considers it requisite or expedient for the purpose of deciding whether to make an application to the Secretary of State under section 39 or 96 (and, if so, what provisions should be set out in the application) the Appointee shall furnish a Service Target Report more frequently (but not more frequently than is reasonable).

6. *Measures to achieve Service Targets*

Where, following receipt by the Water Services Regulation Authority of any Service Target Report, it considers it requisite or expedient for the purpose of deciding whether to make an application to the Secretary of State under section 39 or 96 (and, if so, what provisions should be set out in the application), the Appointee shall furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority in writing within such reasonable period as the Water Services Regulation Authority may specify such further Information as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require, including, but not limited to, Information as to:

- (1) the respective measures required to be taken to achieve any Service Target and the respective costs of such measures (and, where more than one measure is available, whether or not subject to the expenditure of money, the Appointee shall give details of the alternative measures); and
- (2) the measures being taken or proposed to be taken to achieve any Service Target.

Part III. *Certification and Verification of Information*

7. Levels of Service Information and Service Target Reports required to be furnished once in each Charging Year shall be accompanied by a certificate, signed by the Auditors (or by such other person as the Water Services Regulation Authority may approve, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld) stating whether, in their opinion, the relevant Levels of Service Information and Information contained in the relevant Service Target Report has been ascertained by the use of the methods and the taking of the steps which the Appointee has informed the Water Services Regulation Authority it has used and taken and whether, in their opinion, the methods used and the steps taken are adequate for the purpose of ascertaining that Levels of Service Information and the Information contained in that Service Target Report. To the extent that Levels of Service Information and a Service Target Report contain the same Information and are furnished at the same time only one certificate need be

provided under this paragraph. Levels of Service Information and Service Target Reports furnished in accordance with any requirement of the Water Services Regulation Authority under sub-paragraph 1.3 or sub-paragraph 5.5 shall also be accompanied by a like certificate if the Water Services Regulation Authority so requires.

8. The Appointee shall co-operate fully with the Water Services Regulation Authority in any investigation of:
- (1) the accuracy and sufficiency of any Information furnished by the Appointee to the Water Services Regulation Authority under this Condition;
  - (2) the methods used and steps taken by the Appointee to ascertain any such Information; and
  - (3) whether any Service Target has been achieved

which the Water Services Regulation Authority may carry out for the purpose of deciding whether to make an application to the Secretary of State under section 39 or 96.

9. Such co-operation shall include, without limitation:
- (1) subject to reasonable prior notice to the Appointee, giving to the Water Services Regulation Authority access at reasonable hours to any Relevant Plant and to any premises occupied by the Appointee in relation to carrying out the Regulated Activities; and
  - (2) subject to reasonable prior notice to the Appointee, allowing the Water Services Regulation Authority at reasonable hours:
    - (a) to inspect and make photocopies of, and take extracts from, any books and records of the Appointee maintained in relation to the Appointed Business;
    - (b) to carry out inspections, measurements and tests on or in relation to any such premises or Relevant Plant; and
    - (c) to take on to or in to any such premises or Relevant Plant such other persons and such equipment as may be necessary for the purpose of such investigation.

10. Nothing in paragraphs 8 and 9 shall require the Appointee:
- (1) to do anything which is outside its reasonable control; or
  - (2) to do, or to allow the Water Services Regulation Authority to do, anything which would materially disrupt the Appointee's business (unless it is essential for the purposes of the investigation that that thing be done).
11. The Appointee shall not be liable to the Water Services Regulation Authority for any loss or damage to persons or property which arises out of the Water Services

Regulation Authority having such access or doing any such thing as is mentioned in paragraphs 8 and 9 except to the extent that such loss or damage is caused by the Appointee's negligence or wilful default.

12. In paragraphs 9, 10 and 11:

- (1) references to the Water Services Regulation Authority include references to its employees and agents: and
- (2) "**Relevant Plant**" means any plant used by the Appointee for the purpose of the Appointed Business including, without limitation, water mains, sewers and other pipes and their accessories.

Part IV. *Publication of Information*

13. Unless the Water Services Regulation Authority otherwise consents in writing (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) pursuant to an application to it in that behalf by the Appointee when the relevant Information and Reports are furnished to the Water Services Regulation Authority under this Condition the Appointee shall:

- (1) draw the attention of customers to the existence of Levels of Service Information (excluding any report or statement furnished under paragraph 2) and Service Target Reports furnished to the Water Services Regulation Authority under this Condition in respect of a Charging Year;
- (2) make a copy of the most recent Levels of Service Information (excluding any report or statement furnished under paragraph 2) and Service Target Report available for inspection at each Relevant Premises; and
- (3) send a copy of the most recent Levels of Service Information (excluding any report or statement furnished under paragraph 2) and Service Target Report to any person requesting it.



### **Condition K: "Ring Fencing"**

- 1 The Appointee shall at all times ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, that if a special administration order were made in respect of the Appointee the Appointee would have available to it sufficient rights and assets (other than financial resources) to enable the special administrator so to manage the affairs, business and property of the Appointee that the purposes of such order could be achieved, provided that this paragraph shall not require the Appointee to seek to re-negotiate the terms of any contract or obligation which, in accordance with a scheme under Schedule 2, is transferred to the Appointee.
- 2 The Appointee shall publish with its audited accounts for each financial year a statement as to whether the Appointee was in compliance with paragraph 1 as at the end of that financial year.
- 3 Where any such rights and assets as are mentioned in paragraph 1 are provided or made available by any Group Company, the Appointee's obligations under that paragraph in respect of such rights and assets shall be such as they would be if the words "so far as reasonably practicable" and the proviso were omitted from that paragraph.
- 4 The state, condition and capacity of assets used by the Appointee in the Appointed Business are the subject of Conditions J and L and accordingly paragraph 1 shall not apply thereto.



## Condition L: Underground Asset Management Plans

A1. Paragraphs 1 to 5 of this Condition shall not apply until the Water Services Regulation Authority has given notice to the Appointee under paragraph 1.2 of Condition F of the application of paragraphs 5, 7 and 8 of that Condition.

### 1. *Interpretation and Construction*

In this Condition:

**"the Appointment Obligations"** means the Appointee's obligations under the Appointments and for this purpose and for this purpose only the Appointee shall be deemed to be subject to an obligation under the Appointments to achieve any Service Target or Revised Service Target notified to the Water Services Regulation Authority by the Appointee under Condition J;

**"Network Assets"** means

- (1) in respect of a water undertaker:
  - (a) water mains and trunk mains (other than any pumps, valves and hydrants);
  - (b) resource mains and discharge pipes; and
  - (c) so much of any service pipe as is vested in the water undertaker; and
- (2) in respect of a sewerage undertaker:
  - (a) public sewers (other than any pumps);
  - (b) any outfall pipe or other pipe for the conveyance of effluent from any sewage disposal works of the sewerage undertaker; and
  - (c) any pipe vested in the sewerage undertaker and used for the drainage of one building or of any buildings or yards appurtenant to buildings within the same curtilage

but excluding any pipe which discharges directly into the sea or coastal waters;

**"Network Expenditure"** means expenditure in relation to any Network Assets (whether, having regard to the respective purposes referred to in subparagraph 2.1, such expenditure is to be made or incurred in or in relation to creating, acquiring, renewing, repairing, maintaining or improving any Network Assets or executing works or procuring the execution of works by other persons in relation to any Network Assets or otherwise);

**"the Plan Period"** means such period as the Appointee shall specify, being a period of not less than fifteen years commencing on:

- (1) in the case of the Underground Asset Management Plan required to be furnished under sub-paragraph 2.1, 1st April immediately after the Water Services Regulation Authority has given notice under paragraph A1;
- (2) in the case of any revised Underground Asset Management Plan required to be furnished under sub-paragraph 2.4, the date of such revised Underground Asset Management Plan or, in the case of a revised Underground Asset Management Plan prepared for the purposes of a Periodic Review, the start of the relevant Review Charging Year;

a **"Review Date"** means the first date specified in the relevant paragraphs of Condition B by which the Appointee is required to furnish Information to the Water Services Regulation Authority for the purpose of any Periodic Review.

## 2. *Duty to furnish Information*

2.1 The Appointee shall prepare and furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority an underground asset management plan (an **"Underground Asset Management Plan"**) showing separately:

- (1) an estimate and other Information in respect of Network Expenditure required to be made or incurred by the Appointee in each year during the Plan Period for the purposes of ensuring:
  - (a) that Network Assets used by the Appointee as at the date of the Water Services Regulation Authority's notice to the Appointee under paragraph A1 (or, in the case of a revised Underground Asset Management Plan, as at the date of that revised Underground Asset Management Plan) are, and will throughout the Plan Period be, maintained in such a state or condition as is necessary for the purposes described in sub-paragraph 2.2 (**"the Relevant Purposes"**), insofar as Network Assets are necessary for, or relevant to, the Relevant Purposes; and
  - (b) that the capacity of the system of water supply or, as the case may be, of public sewers comprising solely those Network Assets (but not including any other part of the Appointee's system of water supply or, as the case may be, of public sewers) is maintained

and the estimate and other Information shall show expenditure to be capitalised and, separately, expenditure to be expensed; and

- (2) an estimate and other Information in respect of Network Expenditure required to be made or incurred by the Appointee in each year during the Plan Period for the purpose of ensuring that, taking into account the expenditure to be made or incurred for the purposes referred to in sub-paragraph 2.1(1):
  - (a) the Appointee will at all times and from time to time have available to it for use all Network Assets (and in such a state or condition) as are

necessary for the Relevant Purposes, insofar as Network Assets are necessary for, or relevant to, the Relevant Purposes; and

- (b) the capacity of the system of water supply or, as the case may be, of public sewers comprising solely those Network Assets (but not including any other part of the Appointee's system of water supply or, as the case may be, of public sewers) is and will be such as is necessary for the Relevant Purposes.

2.2 The Relevant Purposes referred to in sub-paragraph 2.1 are:

- (1) to enable the Appointee to carry out the Regulated Activities in respect of the whole of the Area in accordance with the provisions of the Act and of any other enactment or subordinate legislation relating to the Regulated Activities and in accordance with any service objectives which the Appointee has set itself in preparing the Underground Asset Management Plan and to carry out the Regulated Activities in such manner economically and efficiently; and
- (2) to enable the Appointee to perform the Appointment Obligations in respect of the whole of the Area (or, in the case of a Service Target or a Revised Service Target which applies only to part of the Area, then in respect of that part)

but so that, unless the context otherwise requires, references in this Condition to the Relevant Purposes shall be read and construed subject to any assumptions as may be specified by the Appointee in the Underground Asset Management Plan as to the nature and scope of the Regulated Activities or, as the case may be, the Appointment Obligations and as to the effect of any provision of the Act or any other enactment or subordinate legislation relating to the Regulated Activities.

2.3 Where the Appointee has specified any such assumptions as are referred to in sub-paragraph 2.2, the Appointee shall also furnish an estimate and other Information as described in sub-paragraphs 2.1(1) and (2) on the basis of such other assumptions as to the matters referred to in sub-paragraph 2.2 as may be specified by the Water Services Regulation Authority.

2.4 The Appointee shall keep the Underground Asset Management Plan prepared under sub-paragraph 2.1 under review and shall prepare a revised Underground Asset Management Plan in respect of the Plan Period from time to time and in any event by each Review Date, to the extent that such revision is necessary having regard to the Relevant Purposes, this Condition and Condition B and shall furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority any such revised Underground Asset Management Plan. Sub-paragraph 2.3 shall apply to any such revised Underground Asset Management Plan and references in this Condition to a revised Underground Asset Management Plan shall include references to any estimate and other Information which the Appointee is required to furnish under sub-paragraph 2.3 in respect of that revised Underground Asset Management Plan.

2.5 For the purposes of sub-paragraphs 2.1 and 2.4:

- (1) due allowance shall be made for Network Assets ceasing to be required for the Relevant Purposes during the Plan Period;

- (2) the Appointee shall include in any Underground Asset Management Plan furnished to the Water Services Regulation Authority under this paragraph a description of any agreement or arrangement under which the Appointee uses Network Assets which are owned by, or used in conjunction with, another water undertaker or sewerage undertaker (including, without limitation, a description of any arrangements, as between the Appointee and the other undertaker, for the repair, renewal, maintenance and improvement of any such Network Assets) and an estimate and other Information in respect of any expenditure required to be made or incurred by the Appointee during the Plan Period in respect of such Network Assets for the Relevant Purposes; and
- (3) there shall be taken into account any changes in the nature of the Regulated Activities and the Appointment Obligations which the Appointee knows have occurred or will occur or which the Appointee reasonably believes will, or are likely to, occur (including, without limitation, any change in demand for the provision by the Appointee of any services provided by it in the course of carrying out the Regulated Activities).

### 3. *Information Systems*

3.1 The Appointee shall establish and maintain methods and procedures for the purposes of:

- (1) keeping under review, collecting Information in respect of, and carrying out surveys of, the state, condition, capacity and performance of Network Assets; and
- (2) preparing, keeping under review and revising from time to time the Underground Asset Management Plan for the purposes of:
  - (a) providing Information to the Water Services Regulation Authority in accordance with Condition B to enable it to carry out Periodic Reviews; and
  - (b) providing Information to the Water Services Regulation Authority in accordance with paragraph 18 of Condition B.

3.2 The Appointee shall furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority a written description of such methods and procedures. The Appointee shall keep under review and shall revise such methods and procedures from time to time to the extent necessary having regard to the purposes for which such systems and procedures are intended to be used, this Condition and Condition B and shall furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority a written description of any revision of such methods and procedures.

### 4. *Reports*

4.1 Any revised Underground Asset Management Plan and any revision of the methods and procedures referred to in paragraph 3 (which in the reasonable opinion of the Water Services Regulation Authority is material having regard to the purposes for

which the Underground Asset Management Plan and such methods and procedures are intended, to this Condition and to Condition B) shall, if so required by the Water Services Regulation Authority, be reported on by a person appointed by the Appointee and approved by the Water Services Regulation Authority (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld) ("**the Assessor**").

4.2 The Appointee shall enter into a written contract of engagement with the Assessor which shall:

- (1) where such a report is required by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sub-paragraph 4.1, require the Assessor to prepare and furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority, and separately to the Appointee, a written report addressed jointly to the Water Services Regulation Authority and the Appointee:
  - (a) in the case of a revised Underground Asset Management Plan, stating whether, in his opinion, the estimate included in the revised Underground Asset Management Plan has been prepared in accordance with the methods and procedures established and maintained by the Appointee under sub-paragraph 3.1 at the date at which the revised Underground Asset Management Plan has been prepared and if the action to be taken as described in the other Information included in the Underground Asset Management Plan were taken it would be sufficient for the Relevant Purposes, in so far as Network Assets are necessary for, or relevant to, the Relevant Purposes, (both on the basis of any assumptions specified by the Appointee and on the basis of any assumptions specified by the Water Services Regulation Authority) and, if not, what other action would need to be taken; and
  - (b) in the case of a revision of the methods and procedures referred to in paragraph 3, stating whether, in his opinion, the methods and procedures (as so revised) are sufficient for the purposes described in sub-paragraph 3.1 and if not, what changes would need to be made to those methods and procedures so that they were sufficient for those purposes; and
- (2) include a term that the Assessor will provide such further explanation or clarification of his report as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require and that where, by reason of anything in the Assessor's report, it appears to the Water Services Regulation Authority:
  - (a) that the state or condition or capacity of Network Assets is such that they are or may be materially inadequate for the Relevant Purposes, in so far as Network Assets are necessary for, or relevant to, the Relevant Purposes, (either on the basis of the assumptions specified by the Appointee or on the basis of the assumptions specified by the Water Services Regulation Authority, if any); or
  - (b) that the methods and procedures are insufficient for the purposes described in sub-paragraph 3.1 and that as a result information as to

the state, condition, capacity of performance of Network Assets is or may be materially inaccurate or incomplete

the Assessor will provide such further Information in respect of, or verification of, the matters which are the subject of his report as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require.

The contract of engagement may also include provisions requiring the Assessor, his employees and agents to keep confidential and not to disclose, except to the Water Services Regulation Authority or as required by law, any Information which the Assessor obtains in the course of preparing his report.

4.3 The Appointee shall co-operate fully with the Assessor to enable him to prepare his report, including without limitation, so far as is necessary for that purpose:

(1) subject to reasonable prior notice to the Appointee, giving to the Assessor access at reasonable hours to any Network Assets used by the Appointee and to any premises occupied by the Appointee in relation to the carrying out of the Regulated Activities; and

(2) subject to reasonable prior notice to the Appointee, allowing the Assessor at reasonable hours:

(a) to inspect and make photocopies of, and take extracts from, any books and records of the Appointee maintained in relation to the carrying out of the Regulated Activities;

(b) to carry out inspections, measurements and tests on or in relation to any such premises or Network Assets; and

(c) to take on to such premises or on to on in to any Network Assets such other persons and such equipment as may be necessary for the purposes of preparing and completing his report.

4.4 Nothing in sub-paragraph 4.3 shall require the Appointee:

(1) to do anything which is outside its reasonable control; or

(2) to do, or to allow the Assessor to do, anything which would materially disrupt the Appointee's business (unless it is essential that that thing be done to enable the Assessor to prepare his report).

4.5 In sub-paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 references to the Assessor include references to his employees and agents.

## 5. *General*

5.1 Any Information required to be furnished by the Appointee to the Water Services Regulation Authority under this Condition shall be furnished within three months of the event or revision which gives rise to the requirement to furnish Information.

5.2 The Appointee shall deliver to the Water Services Regulation Authority, at the same time as it delivers to it accounting statements in respect of a financial year prepared under paragraph 4 of Condition F, a statement of the expenditure made or incurred in relation to Network Assets during that financial year, distinguishing between amounts which have been expended and amounts which have been capitalised, together with the details necessary to explain any difference between that expenditure and the expenditure which the Appointee had informed the Water Services Regulation Authority under this Condition it intended to make or incur in relation to Network Assets during that financial year.



### **Condition M: Provision of Information to the Water Services Regulation Authority**

1. Subject to paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 the Appointee shall furnish the Water Services Regulation Authority with such Information as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require for the purpose of carrying out any of its functions under the Act.
2. Information required to be furnished under this Condition shall be furnished in such form and manner and at such times and be accompanied or supplemented by such explanations as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require.
3. This Condition shall not require the Appointee to furnish the Water Services Regulation Authority with Information in respect of any function of the Water Services Regulation Authority under sections 14, 27 and 201 but the Appointee shall, if requested by the Water Services Regulation Authority, give reasoned comments on the accuracy and text of any information or advice which the Water Services Regulation Authority proposes to publish pursuant to section 201 and, subject always to section 206, nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the Water Services Regulation Authority from using or disclosing any Information with which it has been furnished under this Condition or any other Condition of these Appointments for the purpose of carrying out its functions under the Act (including, without prejudice to the generality, under sections 14, 27 and 201).
4. Neither this Condition nor any other Condition of this Appointment shall require the Appointee to furnish any Information for any such purpose as is referred to in section 203 which it could not be compelled to produce or furnish under that section.
5. Neither this Condition nor any other Condition of these Appointments shall require the Appointee to furnish any Information which it would be entitled to refuse to disclose or produce on grounds of legal professional privilege in proceedings in the High Court.
6. Where, under any other Condition of these Appointments, the Appointee is or can be required to furnish Information to the Water Services Regulation Authority there shall be a presumption that the furnishing of that Information in accordance with that Condition is sufficient for the relevant purposes of that Condition but this presumption shall be rebutted, and shall not limit the right of the Water Services Regulation Authority to call for further Information under paragraph 1, if it states in writing that in its opinion such Information is or is likely to be necessary for the purpose of carrying out any of its functions under the Act.



## Condition N: Fees

### 1. *Interpretation and Construction*

In this Condition a "**Periodic Review Year**" means the Charging Year starting on 1st April immediately preceding the start of a Review Charging Year.

### 2. *Fees*

The Appointee shall render the following payments to the Secretary of State at the times stated:

- (1) Not used;
- (2) on 1st April 2008 and at the start of each subsequent Charging Year an amount equal to the costs estimated by the Water Services Regulation Authority (in consultation with the Competition Commission) as having been incurred in the preceding Charging Year by the Competition Commission following:
  - (a) references under section 14 which mention the Appointments (or either of them) only; and
  - (b) references under Condition B or Condition C;
- (3) on 1st April 2008 and at the start of each subsequent Charging Year an amount, which shall represent a fair proportion, to be determined each year by the Water Services Regulation Authority according to a method which has been disclosed in writing to the Appointee, of the costs estimated by the Water Services Regulation Authority (in consultation with the Competition Commission) as having been incurred in the preceding Charging Year by the Competition Commission following any reference under section 14 which mentions both the Appointments (or either of them) and also any other appointment made under Chapter I of Part II of the Act;
- (4) Within thirty days of the date on which the Water Services Regulation Authority notifies the Appointee of the amount payable under this sub-paragraph, an amount equal to the costs determined by the Water Services Regulation Authority as having been or likely to be incurred by it in respect of any reference by the Appointee under paragraph 14 of Condition B and any determination by the Water Services Regulation Authority under paragraph 15 of Condition B made in the Charging Year in which the Water Services Regulation Authority's notification for the purposes of this sub-paragraph is given;
- (5) on 1st April 2008 and at the start of each subsequent Charging Year a renewal fee, which shall represent a fair proportion, to be determined each year by the Water Services Regulation Authority according to a method

which has been disclosed in writing to the Appointee, of the costs estimated by the Water Services Regulation Authority as being likely to be incurred in that Charging Year by it in the regulation and enforcement of appointments made under Chapter I of Part II of the Act (including the Appointments) and in the carrying out of its other functions under the Act;

- (6) on 1st April of the first Charging Year after the announcement by the Water Services Regulation Authority of its intention to carry out a Periodic Review, and at the start of each Charging Year up to but not including the Periodic Review Year, an additional fee, which shall represent a fair proportion, to be determined each year by the Water Services Regulation Authority according to a method which has been disclosed in writing to the Appointee, of additional costs estimated by the Water Services Regulation Authority as being likely to be incurred in that Charging Year by it in the preparation for or the carrying out of a Periodic Review, over and above the costs estimated by the Water Services Regulation Authority as being likely to be incurred in that Charging Year under paragraph 2(5) above;
- (7) where the Water Services Regulation Authority so determines, on 1st January in any year, a special fee, which shall represent a fair proportion, to be determined each year by the Water Services Regulation Authority according to a method which has been disclosed in writing to the Appointee, of the amount, if any, by which the aggregate of the costs estimated by the Water Services Regulation Authority to have been already incurred in that Charging Year and to be incurred in the remainder of that Charging Year by the Water Services Regulation Authority in the regulation and enforcement of appointments made under Chapter I of Part II of the Act (including the Appointments) and in the carrying out of its other functions under the Act exceeds the aggregate of:
  - (a) all renewal and additional fees payable at the start of that Charging Year under the Appointments and all other appointments made under the said Chapter I; and
  - (b) all amounts (if any) payable in that Charging Year under sub-paragraph 2(4) and the equivalent provisions in other appointments made under the said Chapter I in respect of references and determinations of the kind described in sub-paragraph 2(4);

subject to its apportioning the special fee, according to the nature of the costs intended to be covered by it, between the renewal fee, the additional fee and the amounts referred to in paragraph (b);

- (8) Not used; and
- (9) within 30 days of the date on which the Water Services Regulation Authority notifies the Appointee of the amount payable under this sub-paragraph, as derived from the following formula:

$$J = G \times \frac{t}{T}$$

Where

J is the amount payable under this sub-paragraph

G is for each Charging Year, the sum of £5.7 million, increased by the percentage increase in the Retail Prices Index between that published for November 2005 and that published for November in the Prior Year;

t is equal to the turnover of the Appointed Business as shown in the accounting statements prepared by the Appointee under paragraph 4 of Condition F for the financial year ending 12 months before the start of the Charging Year in which the payment under this sub-paragraph is payable;

T is equal to the aggregate of the turnover of the Appointed Business of all of the companies holding an Appointment under Chapter I of Part II of the Act as shown in their accounting statements prepared under paragraph 4 of Condition F for the financial year ending 12 months before the start of the Charging Year in which the payment under this sub-paragraph is payable

PROVIDED THAT if, in respect of any Charging Year the Secretary of State issues to the Water Services Regulation Authority any direction or directions under section 37(8) of the Water Act 2003, which requires or require it to recover under this Condition any amount or amounts greater than G, the amount of that excess shall also be recoverable under this sub-paragraph (9).

3. *Limits on renewal fee, special fee and additional fee applied to Ofwat*

- 3.1 The aggregate of the renewal fee payable in respect of any Charging Year starting on or after 1 April 2000 (other than a Periodic Review Year) and part of any special fee apportioned to the renewal fee payable in the same Charging Year shall not exceed X, where X shall be calculated in any year by the equation:

$$X = S \times \frac{t}{T}$$

Where the figures in the equation are defined as follows:

"S" is equal to the figure of £11.9M increased by the percentage increase in the Retail Prices Index between that published for the month of November 1998 and that published for the month of November immediately preceding the start of the Charging Year in which that renewal fee and special fee are payable;

"t" is equal to the turnover of the Appointed Business as shown in the accounting statements prepared by the Appointee under paragraph 4 of Condition F for the financial year ending twelve months before the start of the Charging Year in which that renewal fee and special fee are payable;

"T" is equal to the aggregate of the turnover of the Appointed Business of all of the Appointees as shown in their accounting statements prepared under Paragraph 4 of Condition F for the financial year ending twelve months before the start of the Charging Year in which that renewal fee and special fee are payable.

- 3.2 The aggregate of the renewal fee and any special fee payable in any Periodic Review Year and of the additional fees payable under paragraph 2(6), in the years immediately preceding that Periodic Review Year, shall not exceed X derived from sub-paragraph 3.1 plus a figure of 0.1, calculated as the sum of the percentages which each such fee represents of the turnover of the Appointed Business, as shown in the Accounting Statements prepared by the Appointee under paragraph 4 of Condition F, as an average over the five years concluding with the previous Periodic Review Year.
- 3.3 The Water Services Regulation Authority may, by notice to the Secretary of State, refer to the Secretary of State for determination by him not later than:
- (1) 31 December 2009;
  - (2) the end of each period of five consecutive years following 1 January 2010; or
  - (3) twelve months after the date which is the Review Notice Date for the purpose of the relevant Periodic Review where a Periodic Review falls to be carried out under paragraph 9 of Condition B,

the question whether the limits on the fees specified in sub-paragraph 3.1 and 3.2 payable in respect of any Charging Year starting on or after 1st April 2010 should be changed (and if so what change should be made to that limit).

- 3.4 This Condition shall be modified by the change or changes (if any) to the said limits necessary to give effect to any determination made by the Secretary of State following a reference under sub-paragraph 3.3.

**Condition O: Circumstances in which a replacement appointment may be made**

For the purposes of paragraph (c) of section 7(4), the only circumstances in which an appointment or variation may be made, in relation to the area for which the Appointee holds the Appointment as water undertaker or, as the case may be, sewerage undertaker under this instrument, are where the Secretary of State has given the Appointee at least 25 years' notice to terminate the relevant Appointment in relation to the whole of its area and that period of notice has expired.



## **Condition P: The role of the Appointee's Ultimate Controller and UK holding company**

- 1(1) The Appointee shall, not later than the effective date (or, in the event of a subsequent change of control of the Appointee, the date on which each such change of control takes effect), procure from the Ultimate Controller of the Appointee and, when the Ultimate Controller is not the UK holding company, procure from the UK holding company of the Appointee, legally enforceable undertakings in favour of the Appointee in a form specified by the Water Services Regulation Authority and expressed to remain in force for as long as the Appointee retains the Appointments.
- 1(2) The undertakings referred to in paragraph (1) above shall provide that:
  - (a) those persons providing the undertakings will, and will procure that each of their subsidiaries (other than the Appointee and its subsidiaries) will, give to the Appointee all such information as may be necessary to enable the Appointee to comply with its obligations under the Act or the conditions of the Appointments;
  - (b) those persons providing the undertakings will, and will procure that each of their subsidiaries (other than the Appointee and its subsidiaries) will, refrain from any action which would or may cause the Appointee to breach any of its obligations under the Act or the conditions of the Appointments;
  - (c) those persons providing the undertakings will ensure that at all times after the Water Services Regulation Authority has given notice to the Appointee that it considers it appropriate the Board of the Appointee contains not less than two independent non-executive Directors, who shall be persons of standing with relevant experience and who shall collectively have connections with and knowledge of the areas within which the Appointee holds the Appointments and an understanding of the interests of the customers of the Appointee and how these can be respected and protected; and
  - (d) those persons providing the undertakings will at all times pay to the Appointee on demand such money (up to a maximum aggregate liability of £4 million) as may be necessary to enable the Appointee to comply with its obligations under the Act or the conditions of the Appointments.
2. The Appointee shall, not later than the date referred to in paragraph 1(1) above, produce to the Water Services Regulation Authority the original of each of the undertakings given to it in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Condition and provide to it such certified copies of those undertakings as the Water Services Regulation Authority may require.
3. The Appointee shall immediately inform the Water Services Regulation Authority in writing if it becomes aware that any one of the undertakings referred to in paragraph 1 of this Condition has ceased to be legally enforceable or that there has been any breach of its terms.
4. The Appointee shall not, except with the written consent of the Water Services Regulation Authority, enter (directly or indirectly) into any contract or arrangement with the Ultimate Controller of the Appointee (or the UK holding company of the

Appointee as the case may be) or any Associated Company (other than subsidiaries of the Appointee) at a time when:

- (i) any one of the undertakings complying with paragraph 1 of this Condition does not subsist; or
  - (ii) there is an unremedied breach of any one of those undertakings.
5. For the purposes of this Condition P, "Ultimate Controller" means any person who or which (alone or jointly with others and whether directly or indirectly) is (in the reasonable opinion of the Water Services Regulation Authority) in a position to control, or to exercise material influence over, the policy or affairs of the Appointee or of any holding company of the Appointee.
6. For the purposes of this Condition P "person" includes, without limitation, a corporate body.



## Condition Q: Interruptions in Supply because of Drought

### 1. *Interpretation*

"**business customer**" means the person who is liable to pay the Appointee's charges in respect of a supply of water to premises other than domestic premises;

"**drought order**" means an order made under section 73 of the 1991 Act;

"**household customer**" means the person who is liable to pay the Appointee's charges in respect of a supply of water to domestic premises.

### 2. *Liability and amounts of payments*

2.1 Where a supply of water to premises is interrupted or cut off under the authority of a drought order the Appointee shall, subject to sub-paragraph 2.2, pay to the customer (or credit to his account) whichever of the amounts referred to in paragraph 3 is applicable.

2.2 The Appointee shall not be liable to make any payments under this Condition where the circumstances were so exceptional that it would have been unreasonable to have expected the interruption or cut-off to have been avoided.

### 3. *Amounts payable to household and business customers*

3.1.1 The Appointee shall pay to a household customer £10 for each day during which (or during part of which) the supply is interrupted or cut off.

3.1.2 The amount payable to any household customer in any Charging Year shall not exceed the average amount of water charges payable to the Appointee by household customers for the Charging Year preceding that in which the interruption or cut-off happens.

3.2.1 The Appointee shall pay to a business customer £50 for each day during which (or during part of which) the supply is interrupted or cut off.

3.2.2 The amount payable to any business customer in any Charging Year shall not exceed -

(a) the amount of water charges payable by that customer for the supply of water to those premises for the Charging Year preceding that in which the interruption or cut-off happens or

(b) if that customer was not liable to pay those charges, £500.

3.2.3 When calculating the charges payable by a business customer for the supply of water services, amounts payable in respect of any separate supply which was provided solely for purposes other than domestic purposes shall be excluded.

3.3 If, when a payment becomes due under this Condition, a customer owes money to the Appointee and the debt has been outstanding for more than 6 weeks, any payment from the Appointee to which the customer is entitled under this Condition shall, to the extent that it does not exceed the amount so owed, be made by way of credit to that customer's account.

#### 4. *Determination of Disputes*

4.1 Where any dispute arises between the Appointee and a customer as to the right of that customer to a payment or credit under this Condition, the matter may be referred to the Water Services Regulation Authority by either party for determination.

4.2 Any determination under this Condition shall be final and, if the Appointee fails to give effect to the determination, the customer may set off the amount in question against any payment which is due to the Appointee.

#### 5. *Cessation or Modification of this Condition*

5.1 This Condition shall cease to have effect in relation to any interruptions or cut-offs occurring on or after the commencement date of any Regulations made pursuant to section 38, implementing the recommendations made by the Director General of Water Services in May 1996 for the making of payments to customers for interruptions or cut-offs because of drought.

5.2 If the Regulations referred to in sub-paragraph 5.1 relate to either household customers or business customers only, this Condition shall cease to have effect in so far as it relates to those customers.

## **Explanatory Note about Condition Q4**

Ofwat has indicated that, when deciding whether to require the Appointee to make a payment under paragraph 4 of Condition Q it will, while not being able to anticipate all relevant circumstances, take account of the following:

- (a) the resources available to the company and its management of those resources, including the exploration of new resources;
- (b) the promotion by the company of the efficient use of water by its customers;
- (c) The company's ability to prohibit or restrict the use of water by the exercise of its powers under section 76 (hosepipe bans) or by obtaining a drought order containing the provision authorised by paragraph (b) of section 74(2) of the 1991 Act (non-essential use); and
- (d) the maintenance of the company's assets, including the management by the company of leakage.

## **Condition R: Provision of combined and wholesale water supplies**

### **The Access Code**

1.—(1) The Appointee shall have an Access Code which complies with paragraphs 2 to 4 of this condition.

(2) The Appointee shall comply with its Access Code.

2. —(1) The Access Code shall –

(a) conform to the guidance for the time being issued under section 66D(4); and

(b) set out –

(i) the Appointee's procedure (including timetables) for dealing with a request made to it by a licensed water supplier under sections 66A, 66B or 66C (which procedure shall itself conform to any relevant guidance);

(ii) the types of feasibility studies which the Appointee may undertake in response to any of those possible applications, including the method of calculation of any costs associated with any such study with a view to recovering them from any such applicant (all of which feasibility studies and the method of calculation shall themselves conform to any relevant guidance); and

(iii) the terms (including the basis for calculating charges in accordance with the costs principle in section 66E) upon which the Appointee will offer to perform each duty under sections 66A to 66C and indicative charges for performing each duty under sections 66A and 66B (which indicative charges shall themselves be calculated in accordance with any relevant guidance).

(2) In this paragraph and in paragraph 3 below, "relevant guidance" means guidance –

(a) in relation to the matters specified in sub-paragraph (1)(b) above;

(b) for the time being issued by the Authority where –

(i) before issuing such guidance, the Authority has consulted such persons as it considers appropriate; and

(ii) the Authority has published such guidance in such a manner as it considers appropriate for the purpose of bringing it to the attention of persons likely to be affected by it.

3.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the Appointee –

(a) shall review its Access Code, and make any revisions to its Access Code consequent upon that review, annually not later than 15 October in each year; and

(b) may also at any other time revise it.

(2) If the Authority revises its guidance under section 66D(4), the Appointee shall revise its Access Code to conform to the revised guidance within the timescales set out by the Authority.

(3) If the Authority revises any relevant guidance, the Appointee shall revise its Access Code to conform to such revised relevant guidance, within the timescales set out by the Authority, provided that the Authority has –

(a) consulted such persons as it considers appropriate before revising that relevant guidance; and

(b) published that revised relevant guidance in such a manner as it considers appropriate for the purpose of bringing it to the attention of persons likely to be affected by it.

4.—(1) The Appointee shall –

(a) include the text of its Access Code, as revised from time to time, on any Internet website which it may maintain; and

(b) in response to any request, provide a copy of it free of charge.

(2) The Appointee shall provide to the Authority –

(a) free of charge a copy of its Access Code; and

(b) within seven days of making them, written particulars of any modifications of it.

#### **Anti-competitive behaviour**

5.—(1) If and for so long as the Appointee is related to any licensed water supplier –

(a) it shall not without the consent of the Authority sell (or otherwise make available) to that licensed water supplier any water, or any of its other assets; and

(b) otherwise, it shall ensure that every other transaction between the Appointed Business and that licensed water supplier is at arm's length.

(2) For the purpose of this paragraph the Appointee is related to a licensed water supplier if their enterprises are under common ownership or common control (within the meaning those expressions have in section 26(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002).

(3) The Appointee shall by notice inform the Authority if at any time it becomes, or ceases to be, related to a licensed water supplier.

(4) This paragraph is without prejudice to anything contained in paragraph 6 of Condition F (Transactions entered into by the Appointee or the Appointed Business with or for the benefit of Associated Companies or other businesses or activities of the Appointee).

6.— The Appointee shall not show undue preference towards, or undue discrimination against –

(a) customers or potential customers (or classes of customers) of a licensed water supplier, as compared with either the Appointee's own customers or potential customers (or classes of customers) or the customers or potential customers (or classes of customers) of any other licensed water supplier; or

(b) a licensed water supplier, as compared with any other licensed water supplier or the Appointee itself.

#### **Obligations about information**

7.— (1) Whenever the Appointee is –

(a) negotiating with a licensed water supplier the period for which and terms and conditions on which it might discharge any of its duties under sections 66A to 66C; or

(b) discharging any of those duties,

it shall ensure that legally enforceable terms exist about the confidentiality of information provided to or by it for those purposes.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (1) above, the Appointee shall not use or disclose information received from or in relation to a licensed water supplier in the course or contemplation of the discharge of its duties under sections 66A to 66C or in the course or contemplation of its dealings with or in relation to that licensed water supplier under sections 66A to 66C, except –

(a) for the purpose for which it was furnished and to the minimum extent necessary to discharge those duties or for those dealings;

(b) where required or permitted by law; or

(c) where otherwise agreed with the licensed water supplier.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (1) and (2) above, and subject to sub-paragraphs (2)(a), (b) and (c) above, the Appointee shall ensure that information received from or in relation to a licensed water supplier in the course or contemplation of the discharge of its duties under sections 66A to 66C or in the course or contemplation of its dealings with or in relation to that licensed water supplier under sections 66A to 66C is not used or disclosed or otherwise distributed or disseminated within the Appointed Business otherwise than for the purposes for which the information was furnished.

(4)

(a) The Appointee shall have a Compliance Code which complies with Compliance Guidance issued by the Authority.

(b) Compliance Guidance means guidance –

(i) in relation to the matters specified in this paragraph; in relation to the Appointee's compliance with its obligations under this paragraph and under paragraph 5(1)(b) above; and generally in relation to any obligation of confidentiality on the Appointee in relation to information provided to or by it under or for the purposes of this Condition or Condition S, and its compliance with those obligations; and

(ii) for the time being issued by the Authority where –

a. before issuing such guidance, the Authority has consulted such persons as it considers appropriate; and

b. the Authority has published such guidance in such a manner as it considers appropriate for the purpose of bringing it to the attention of persons likely to be affected by it.

(c) Subject to sub-paragraph (d) below, the Appointee –

(i) shall review its Compliance Code annually not later than the anniversary of the date upon which Compliance Guidance is first issued by the Authority; and

(ii) may at any time revise it.

(d) If the Authority revises its Compliance Guidance, the Appointee shall revise its Compliance Code to conform to such revised guidance, within the timescales set out by the Authority, provided that the Authority has –

(i) consulted such persons as it considers appropriate before revising that Compliance Guidance; and

(ii) published that Compliance Guidance in such a manner as it considers appropriate for the purpose of bringing it to the attention of persons likely to be affected by it.

**8.—(1)** The Appointee shall provide to a licensed water supplier such information as the licensed water supplier reasonably requires –

(a) to enable the licensed water supplier to apply for, negotiate and conclude an agreement under section 66D;

(b) to comply with any condition of its water supply licence, or any statutory requirement imposed in consequence of its water supply licence; or

(c) to comply with any reasonable request for information made by the Environment Agency.

(2) The Appointee may impose reasonable conditions on the use which any licensed water supplier makes of information provided under this paragraph.

(3) Any question as to the reasonableness of –

(a) any requirement to provide information under sub-paragraph (1); or

(b) any condition proposed by the Appointee under sub-paragraph (2);

shall be resolved by referring that question to the Authority for its determination.

(4) A reference under sub-paragraph (3) shall have the effect of suspending the requirement so referred pending the Authority's determination.

(5) The Appointee shall not be required under this paragraph to disclose any information or produce any document which it would be entitled to refuse to disclose or produce on grounds of legal professional privilege in proceedings in the High Court.

(6)

(a) The Appointee shall immediately inform the licensed water supplier of relevant details if the Appointee is or becomes aware that a special consumer occupies or is likely to occupy any premises which the licensed water supplier is proposing to supply.

(b) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (a) above, a special consumer is a person or a member of a class of persons who –

(i) the Appointee and the relevant licensed water supplier agree; or

(ii) the Authority specifically or generally determines by relevant notice,

regularly requires water urgently on medical or other grounds.

(7) Under sub-paragraph (6) –

(a) a determination shall not have effect unless, before making the determination, the Authority has consulted such persons as it considers appropriate; and

(b) a “relevant notice” is a notice published in such manner as the Authority considers appropriate and served on the Appointee.

(8)

(a) The Appointee shall immediately inform each licensed water supplier which is supplying water to premises in its Water Supply Area of every actual or potential incident which affects adversely, or is likely to affect adversely –

(i) water quality;

(ii) water pressure;

(iii) continuity of supply; or

(iv) any other matter related to the Appointee’s supply system as defined in section 17B(5);

but the foregoing obligation applies only if and to the extent that the supply or supplies being made by such licensed water supplier to premises in the Appointee’s Water Supply Area is or are, or is or are likely to be, affected by any such actual or potential incident; and

(b) information provided by the Appointee under sub-paragraph (a) above shall be as detailed as the information which the Appointee uses or intends to use or would use, when dealing with complaints from its own customers arising out of the same matters.

(9) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (8), an incident includes regulatory infringements which may put the Appointee or relevant licensed water supplier at risk of supplying water which is unwholesome as determined under section 67 (standards of wholesomeness) or unfit for human consumption within the meaning of section 70 (offence of supplying water unfit for human consumption).

**9.—** In so far as the provision of information to the Appointee is not provided for by or under any enactment, the Appointee shall not seek –

(a) from a licensed water supplier; or

(b) from a person supplied or seeking to be supplied by a licensed water supplier;

more information than the Appointee reasonably requires –

(i) for the purposes of carrying out its functions;

(ii) to ascertain whether the licensed water supplier has sufficient product and public liability insurance for the activities authorised by its water supply licence;

(iii) to comply with any condition of the Appointee’s appointment;

(iv) in relation to national security or civil emergencies; or

(v) to comply with any reasonable request for information made by the Environment Agency.

## **Application**

**10.—**(1) This Condition shall not apply to the Appointee in the circumstances and to the extent set out in this paragraph.

(2) Paragraphs 1 to 9 of this Condition shall not apply if and for so long as the Appointee has no supply system, as defined in section 17B(5).

(3) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), the Appointee shall notify the Authority as soon as it has a supply system, as defined in section 17B(5).

(4) If the Appointee has a supply system, as defined in section 17B(5), on the effective date, it shall be deemed to have notified the Authority that it has a supply system at that date.

(5) If and for such time as the Appointee has a supply system, as defined in section 17B(5) –

(a) the Appointee shall notify the Authority immediately of the fact and terms of each request the Appointee receives from a licensed water supplier to provide a supply of water or to permit the introduction of water into the Appointee's supply system pursuant to section 66A, 66B or 66C; and

(b) paragraphs 1 to 9 of this Condition shall apply only from and for such time and to such extent as may be specified by the Authority from time to time by relevant notice.

(6) Under sub-paragraph (5)(a) –

(a) a relevant notice shall not have effect unless, before making the relevant notice, the Authority has consulted the Appointee and such persons as it considers appropriate; and

(b) a "relevant notice" is a notice published in such manner as the Authority considers appropriate and served on the Appointee.