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**TO REGULATORY DIRECTORS OF ALL
WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANIES AND
WATER ONLY COMPANIES**

Dear Regulatory Director

REPORTER APPOINTMENTS

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the outcome of the round of reporter appointments undertaken in 2000-2002, and our proposals for consulting with you on the reporter appointment process and related changes to the reporter protocol.

Twenty two companies re-let their Reporter contracts between July 2000 and March 2002. We approved thirteen of the companies' initial recommendations. The approval of some appointments was delayed because of the appointment by other companies of the recommended appointees. In all but three cases the companies accepted our approved appointees.

Overall there were eleven changes in reporter, three retirements and two new entrants to the reporter role. In fifteen cases the incumbent reporting firms retained their contracts. I attach at appendix 1 a list of the appointments made.

In September 2002 we asked our internal auditors, Deloitte & Touche, to carry out a project to review the Reporter appointment process to date. Their main finding was 'the major area requiring resolution is the degree to which the current appointment process can be integrated' [i.e. between Ofwat and the companies].

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We have considered adaptations to the present appointment arrangements set out in the protocol. We intended to consult with you early in 2002-03. However there are significant demands on your resources until after the submission of your June Return. We propose therefore to defer consultation with you and other stakeholders until mid summer.

Yours faithfully

W H EMERY
Director of Costs & Performance
and Chief Engineer

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Appendix 1

REPORTER APPOINTMENTS – July 2000 - March 2002

Water company	Named reporter	Supported by a team from
Anglian Water	Roger Sawdon	W S Atkins
Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water	Jeremy Hawkins	Halcrow Management Sciences
United Utilities	Chris Turner	Halcrow Management Sciences
Northumbrian Water	David Arnell	Binnie Black & Veatch
Severn Trent Water	Jon Bateman	Halcrow Management Sciences
South West Water	Roger Sawdon	W S Atkins
Southern Water	John Brindley	W S Atkins
Thames Water	John Brindley	W S Atkins
Wessex Water	Jon Bateman	Halcrow Management Sciences
Yorkshire Water	Ben Haywood Smith	Strategic Management Consultants
Bournemouth & West Hampshire Water	Robin Clark	Halcrow Management Sciences
Bristol Water	Ian Cartwright Taylor	W S Atkins
Cambridge Water	John Wild	Binnie Black & Veatch
Dee Valley Water	John Holmes	Montgomery Watson Harza
Folkestone & Dover Water	Colin Page	Montgomery Watson Harza
Mid Kent Water	Mike Reid	Monson Engineering
Portsmouth Water	Alastair Elder	Halliburton Brown & Root
South East Water	Keith Hall	Strategic Management Consultants
South Staffordshire Water	Jeremy Long	Binnie Black & Veatch
Sutton & East Surrey	Alastair Elder	Halliburton Brown & Root
Tendring Hundred Water	Colin Page	Montgomery Watson Harza
Three Valleys Water	Ian Cartwright Taylor	W S Atkins