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Dear Andrew

Statutory consultation under section 13 of the Water Industry Act 1991 to modify the licence of water and sewerage and water only companies in England and Wales

Thank you for your letter to Steve Mogford, dated 14 July 2014 and concerning the above consultation. Mr. Mogford has asked that I reply on behalf of United Utilities Water.

I am pleased to confirm that at its meeting on 24 August 2014, the Board of United Utilities Water resolved to accept the proposed changes to the company's conditions of appointment, introducing a new additional condition R1. We would therefore be pleased if you could now make the necessary arrangements to formalise the changes to the licence.

The Board also wanted me to convey that it is supportive of the work on market arrangements performed to date by Open Water Market Limited and under the Open Water banner and, further, its wish that the transparency and high degree of engagement with industry which has characterised OWML's work to date should be maintained as the work transitions to a separate workstream within Ofwat.

As you are aware, United Utilities has supported OWML in terms of financial contributions, contributions in kind (seconded staff), participation on the Programme Delivery Board and through being an active contributor to workshops at various levels of management. We trust that the opportunities to engage with this important work will continue in future as the workstream progresses.

Please do let me know if there is any aspect of this letter which you would wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely



James Bullock

Director of Economic Regulation