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Dear Christian,

Priority changes to Instruments of Appointment and Water Supply Licences for non-household retail market opening

Further to the publication of your consultation document on the 8 January, Yorkshire Water is grateful for the opportunity to provide Ofwat with our views on the proposed priority changes to the Instruments of Appointment (IoA) and Water Supply Licences (WSLs).

In establishing our views on the above consultation, we have considered our own responses and the published responses to your June consultation, the points you have drawn out, and the conclusions you have reached in your 8 January consultation document, with which we generally concur.

The proposed modifications to the IoA and WSLs, as well as the means of their introduction, appear to be appropriate in the circumstances.

Our responses to your three specific consultation questions are attached at Appendix A.

Should any matter be unclear or require further explanation, please do not hesitate to contact myself or my colleague Howard Smith: Market_Design_Team@yorkshirewater.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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Yorkshire Water response to consultation questions:

- Q1: Do you agree with the proposed drafting changes to the loA and WSL in removing the in-area trading ban? If not, please explain why not and your proposed alternatives.
- A1: The proposed drafting changes to the loA and the WSL are acceptable.
- Q2: Do you agree with the proposed new readiness condition to be added to the loA and WSL? If not, please explain why not and include your proposed alternatives.
- A2: Yorkshire Water agrees with the wording of the proposed new condition for the loA and the WSL.
- Q3: Do you have any comments about the use of existing s13 and s17J Water Industry Act 1991 (WIA91) powers to introduce the new readiness condition?
- A3: As indicated in our response to the June consultation, Yorkshire Water has a preference for, and would support the use of, s13 and s17J as a means of implementing these changes.
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