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Dear Tim,

Re: Consultation on Ofwat's proposal to modify Instruments of Appointment and Water Supply Licences – Market Readiness

We welcome the opportunity to respond to this consultation.

We note that Ofwat previously consulted on both the principle and wording of the proposed market readiness condition to be inserted into companies' instruments of appointment.

Our previous response dated 4 February 2016 stated that whilst the proposed licence condition suitably covered the activities companies are required to undertake prior to market opening, we challenged the reasonableness and practicability of the obligation contained in the condition relating to data accuracy.

We are pleased that Ofwat has responded to feedback on this point by amending the text in the condition for data accuracy. On the basis of this revised wording we are happy to accept the proposed condition and have no further comment at this time.

Yours faithfully,



Claire Russell
Legal Director