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Business Stream response to consultation on Section 13 and Section 17J proposal to modify company licences

Business Stream has previously expressed its opposition to the lifting of the in-area ban, and we continue to believe that this poses a risk to the existence of a level playing field. The publication of IN16/01 setting out Ofwat's expectation on company compliance codes helps to reduce some of that risk, but we believe it is important that the impact of removing the ban continues to be closely monitored, and to that end we feel that it would be very beneficial to maintain a dialogue with Ofwat in the coming months. We accept the proposed changes to our own licence.

Regards

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