



Competition Law Guidance consultation
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Dear Sir

PRT Response to Ofwat Consultation Competition law guidance consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to above consultation, launched at your joint seminar with the Competition and Market Authorities on 21 November 2016.

The document is welcomed and very timely given the commencement of the NHH Retail Market in April.

We acknowledge that providing definitive statements on issues relating to Competition Law is not possible, but the guidance in the consultation is most helpful by way of a check list for our decisions here at Portsmouth Water.

We appreciate the clarity provided throughout the consultation and highlight in particular explanation of the issue of concurrency with the Competition and Markets Authority, the explanation of the principles which underpin competition law, the illustrations given which might give rise to inappropriate behaviour and your general approach to enforcement. These are very helpful.

In February we will be undertaking specific training for all of our operational staff on the relevant behaviours given the new NHH Retail Market. This document will be explicitly referred to in our internal communication presentations called "tool-box talks."

Further, our Regulation Manager will present and lead discussion on the document at our Board meeting in February and the Operational Management Board in early March.

Yours faithfully,

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Managing Director