

WATER SERVICES REGULATION AUTHORITY

WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991, SECTION 13(1)

Modification of the Conditions of Appointment of Northumbrian Water Limited

Made on 6 April 2017

Coming into effect on 15 April 2017

The Water Services Regulation Authority, in exercise of the power conferred on it by section 13(1) of the Water Industry Act 1991 (the "Act"), after giving notice as required by section 13(2) of the Act, hereby makes the modifications described in the Schedule attached hereto to the Conditions of the Appointments of Northumbrian Water Limited (the "Appointee") as a water and sewerage undertaker under Chapter I of Part II of the Act, the Appointee having consented to these modifications.

**Signed for and on behalf of the
Water Services Regulation Authority**

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**Cathryn Ross
Chief Executive**

Schedule

1. Conditions A and B are deleted and replaced with the following text:

“Condition A: Interpretation and Construction

- 1 Unless the contrary intention appears:
 - (1) words and expressions used in these Conditions and references in these Conditions to enactments shall be construed as if they were in an Act of Parliament and the Interpretation Act 1978 applied to them;
 - (2) references in these Conditions to enactments shall include any statutory modification thereof after the transfer date;
 - (3) words and expressions used in these Conditions shall have the same meaning as in any provision of the Water Industry Act 1991;
 - (4) references in these Conditions to sections and Schedules are references to sections of, and Schedules to, the Water Act 1989; and
 - (5) references in these Conditions to paragraphs are references to paragraphs of the Condition in which the reference appears and references to sub-paragraphs are references to sub-paragraphs of the paragraph in which the reference appears.

- 2 In construing these Conditions:
 - (1) the heading or title of any Condition or of any paragraph of any Condition shall be disregarded; and
 - (2) any description of the purposes of a Condition shall be construed subject to the provisions of the rest of the Condition in which that description appears.

- 3 Unless the context otherwise requires, in these Conditions:

"the 1937 Act" means the Public Health (Drainage of Trade Premises) Act 1937;

"**the 1945 Act**" means the Water Act 1945;

"**the 1973 Act**" means the Water Act 1973;

"**the 2014 Act**" means the Water Act 2014;

"**the Appointed Business**" means the business consisting of the carrying out by the Appointee of the Regulated Activities;

"**the Area**" means the area for which for the time being the Appointee holds the appointment as water undertaker or, as the case may be, sewerage undertaker;

"**Associated Company**" means any Group Company or Related Company;

"**the Auditors**" means the Appointee's auditors for the time being appointed in accordance with the Companies Act 2006;

"**books and records**" means any and all books, records, files, maps, plans, documents, papers, accounts, estimates, returns and other data of whatsoever nature and whether or not created, recorded or maintained in a document;

"**Charging Year**" means a year commencing on 1 April;

"**the Consumer Prices Index**" means the all items Consumer Prices Index published by the Statistics Board;

"**the Consumer Prices Index (H)**" means the all items Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs published by the Statistics Board;

"**the Customer Service Committee**" shall be read as a reference to the Consumer Council for Water;

"**domestic customer**" means the occupier of domestic premises;

"domestic premises" means any premises used wholly or partly as a dwelling or intended for such use;

"Eligible Premises" shall have the meaning given in the Wholesale-Retail Code;

"the Essex and Suffolk Area" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 1 to this instrument;

"financial year" means a financial year of the Appointee beginning and ending on the respective dates referred to in section 390 of the Companies Act 2006;

"Group Company" means any subsidiary or holding company of the Appointee and any subsidiary of any holding company of the Appointee (other than the Appointee);

"Information" means information which is in the possession of the person required to furnish it or which it can reasonably obtain or which it can reasonably prepare from information which is in its possession or which it can reasonably obtain, and information which is required to be furnished under any of these Conditions shall be furnished, subject to the provisions of the Condition under which that information is required to be furnished, in such form and manner as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require;

"Licensee" means the holder of a water supply licence and/or a sewerage licence granted by the Water Services Regulation Authority under section 17H and/or under section 17HA of the Water Industry Act 1991;

"the Northumbrian Area": shall have the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph 1.1 of Schedule 1 to this instrument;

"Periodic Review" means a review conducted by the Water Services Regulation Authority for the purpose of determining one or more Price Controls in accordance with Part III of Condition B, but so that references in

Part IV of Condition B to a Periodic Review shall exclude any review carried out under paragraph 11 of that Condition and shall include the determination by the Competition and Markets Authority of the relevant questions or, as the case may be, the disputed determination referred to it under paragraph 16 of Condition B;

"Prior Year" means the year commencing 1 April immediately prior to the relevant Charging Year;

"Reference Notice" means a notice given to the Water Services Regulation Authority under paragraph 11 or 14 of Condition B;

"the Regulated Activities" means the functions of a water undertaker or, as the case may be, a sewerage undertaker and, for the avoidance of doubt, references to the functions of a water undertaker or, as the case may be, a sewerage undertaker shall include references to the duties imposed on a water undertaker or, as the case may be, a sewerage undertaker;

"Related Company" means any company in relation to which the Appointee or any Group Company has a participating interest within the meaning of paragraph 11 of Schedule 10 to the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 or which has such a participating interest in relation to the Appointee or any Group Company;

"the Relevant Index" means –

- (a) for any period before 1 April 2020, the Retail Prices Index,
- (b) for any period including, or after, 1 April 2020, either –
 - (i) the Consumer Prices Index, or
 - (ii) the Consumer Prices Index (H)

as the Water Services Regulation Authority shall determine to be appropriate in all circumstances no later than 31 January 2018;

(c) in any year where the Statistics Board has not published the index to be applied by 31 December, such index for such month as the Water Services Regulation Authority may not later than the following 7 January determine to be appropriate in all the circumstances after such consultation with the Appointee as is reasonably practicable;

"Relevant Premises" means any office premises occupied by the Appointee in relation to the Appointed Business and to which members of the public have access;

"Retail Market Opening Date" means the date determined by the Authority as the date when the retail water and sewerage market for Eligible Premises opens;

"the Retail Prices Index" means the Retail Prices Index published by the Statistics Board each month in respect of all items or, if the said index for the month of November is not published by 31 December next following, such index for such month as the Water Services Regulation Authority may not later than 7 January next following determine to be appropriate in the circumstances, after such consultation with the Appointee as is reasonably practicable, and in such a case references to the Retail Prices Index shall be construed for the purpose of all subsequent calculations for which the value of the Retail Prices Index for that year is relevant as references to that other index;

"Review Charging Year" means the first of the Charging Years in respect of which any Periodic Review is carried out;

"the Review Notice Date" means the first day of January which is fifteen months before the first day of the Review Charging Year;

"Sewerage Infrastructure Charge" means such a charge as is described in section 146(2)(b) of the Water Industry Act 1991;

"Statistics Board" has the same meaning as in the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007;

"**trade effluent**" has the same meaning as in section 141 of the Water Industry Act 1991;

"**the transfer date**" means 1 September 1989;

"**the Water Authority**" means the Water Authority of which the Appointee is the successor company;

"**Water Infrastructure Charge**" means such a charge as is described in section 146(2)(a) of the Water Industry Act 1991.

"**Wholesale-Retail Code**" means the code issued by the Water Services Regulation Authority pursuant to sections 66DA and 117F of the Water Industry Act 1991.

- 4 In the definition of "Excluded Charges" and "Standard Charges" in Condition B and in Condition E, references to the Water Authority shall include references to the Water Authority's predecessors in title.
- 5 Any notification required or permitted to be given under any Condition shall be given in writing and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly.
- 6 Where one only of the Appointments is terminated, so much of the provisions of these Conditions as applies or is relevant exclusively to the Appointment which has been so terminated or to the activities of an undertaker holding an appointment of the kind which has been so terminated shall cease to have effect as from the date on which the termination of that Appointment takes effect.
- 7 The Appointee may refer to the Water Services Regulation Authority for determination by it (having considered any representations by the Appointee and any other water undertaker or, as the case may be, sewerage undertaker) any question arising as to whether any area, island, premises or installation is, or, as the case may be, are, comprised within the Water Supply Area or, as the case may be, the Sewerage Services Area, as those expressions are defined in Schedule 1 to this instrument.

Condition B: Charges

Part I. Explanatory Provisions

1 Introduction

The purposes of this Condition are set out in the following sub-paragraphs.

- 1.1 To empower the Water Services Regulation Authority to make determinations setting controls in respect of the charges to be levied by and/or revenue allowed to the Appointee or to any part of the Appointee's business (having regard to its costs) for the supply of water and sewerage services.
- 1.2 To provide for reviews of the Appointed Business to be carried out by the Water Services Regulation Authority, so that the Water Services Regulation Authority can determine whether one or more Price Controls should be changed. This is dealt with in Part III under the heading "Periodic Reviews".
- 1.3 To enable the Appointee:
 - (1) ...
 - (2) to refer to the Water Services Regulation Authority for determination from time to time the question of changing the Price Control or Price Controls to allow for Notified Items and Relevant Changes of Circumstance;
 - (3) to refer to the Water Services Regulation Authority for determination at any time the question of changing the Price Control or Price Controls where circumstances have a substantial adverse effect on the Appointed Business; and
 - (4) where notice to terminate either or both of the Appointments has been given, to refer to the Water Services Regulation Authority for determination the question what the Price Control or Price Controls should be in the future, on the assumption that the relevant Appointment or, as the case may be, the Appointments were to continue in force, for the purpose of facilitating consideration of the

terms on which a new appointee could accept transfers of property, rights and liabilities from the Appointee, as provided in section 9(4) of the Water Industry Act 1991.

These matters are dealt with in Part IV under the heading "Interim Determinations".

- 1.4 To provide for the Water Services Regulation Authority to initiate changes to the Price Control or Price Controls to allow for Notified Items and Relevant Changes of Circumstance. This is also dealt with in Part IV.
- 1.5 To enable the Appointee to require the Water Services Regulation Authority to refer to the Competition and Markets Authority matters arising out of determinations by the Water Services Regulation Authority referred to in sub-paragraphs 1.2 and 1.4 and references referred to in sub-paragraph 1.3. These matters are dealt with in Part V under the heading "References to the Competition and Markets Authority".
- 1.6 To require the Appointee to give Information to the Water Services Regulation Authority to enable it to make determinations under this Condition. This is dealt with in Part VI under the heading "Provision of Information to the Water Services Regulation Authority".
- 1.7 To enable this Condition B to operate, in certain respects, separately in relation to those parts of the Appointed Business which relate respectively to the Northumbrian Area and the Essex and Suffolk Area. This is addressed in Part VII, under the heading "Application of this Condition B, following the merger of Northumbrian and Essex and Suffolk".

2 Defined terms which apply for the purposes of all Parts of this Condition

In this Condition:

references to "**the Appointed Business**" shall be construed as if the Appointed Business included the management and holding by the Appointee of any protected land;

"Bioresources Activities" means –

- (a) such activities carried out by the Appointee in performance of its functions as a sewerage undertaker in connection with sludge transport, sludge treatment, sludge disposal and Network+ - Sludge liquor treatment, and such ancillary activities, as may be so designated from time to time (which designation, for the avoidance of doubt, shall be reversible) by the Water and Services Regulation Authority;

EXCEPT THAT:

- (b) Bioresources Activities shall not include sewage collection, sewage treatment and sewage disposal;

"End-User" means a person who, otherwise than as a person holding an appointment or a licence under the Water Industry Act 1991 or under other legislation in respect of the supply of water or sewerage services enacted from time to time, is a customer of the Appointee or a user of the goods or services concerned;

"Excluded Charges" unless and until otherwise agreed between the Water Services Regulation Authority and the Appointee, are

- (1) amounts payable in respect of an unmeasured supply of water by means of stand-pipes or water tanks and in respect of the erection or maintenance of stand-pipes or water tanks;
- (2) charges for a supply of water provided by the Appointee under section 59 of the Water Industry Act 1991;
- (3) charges for the reception and disposal by the Appointee, or other person specified by the Appointee or, as the case may be, the Water Authority, of matter delivered to the Appointee or such other person by a collection authority in pursuance of section 14(9) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974;

- (4) charges for unmeasured supplies of water to cattle troughs;
- (5) charges for unmeasured building water supplies;
- (6) amounts payable in respect of an unmeasured supply of water by means of bowsers or water tankers;
- (7) charges for unmeasured supplies of water to farm taps and other agricultural water points; and
- (7A) at any time before (but not including) 1 April 2015, charges in any Charging Year for supplies of water (or for the provision of sewerage services or for the reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent) to premises where the premises were supplied in the relevant Prior Year with not less than such quantity of water as is specified from time to time under section 7(5)(a) of the Water Industry Act 1991

AND, for the avoidance of doubt, but without prejudice to the meaning of Standard Charges in respect of water supply, sewerage services and the reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent, shall also include:

- (8) at any time before (but not including) 1 April 2015, charges payable for any such connection as is described in section 146(2) of the Water Industry Act 1991;
- (9) charges for a supply of water in bulk to another water undertaker;
- (10) amounts payable under any such agreement as is described in section 20(1)(b) of the Water Resources Act 1991 (including any such agreement entered into by the Water Authority under section 81 of the Water Resources Act 1963 with respect to any of the matters referred to in sections 81(1)(b) and 81(1)(d) of that Act as, by virtue of paragraph 29(1) of Schedule 26, has effect on and after the transfer date as a thing done by the Appointee); and

- (11) charges payable under any agreement for any unmeasured supply of water or unmeasured sewerage services which are calculated by reference to the rateable value of hereditaments, occupied by the person to whom the supply or services are provided, fixed in accordance with section 32, 33 or, as the case may be, 34 of the General Rate Act 1967 or, as the case may be, fixed in accordance with section 54 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988

but so that where this Condition requires reference to be made to Excluded Charges in a Charging Year prior to that starting on 1 April 1990 the expression "**Excluded Charges**" shall be read and construed as though:

- (a) there were added to sub-paragraph (2) of this definition the words "and charges for a supply of water provided by the Water Authority under section 37 of Schedule 3 to the 1945 Act";
- (b) there were added to sub-paragraph (3) of this definition the words "and charges for the reception and disposal by the Water Authority, or other person specified by the Water Authority, of matter delivered to the Water Authority or such other person by a collection authority in pursuance of section 14(9) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974"; and
- (c) there were added to sub-paragraph (10) of this definition the words "and any agreement entered into by the Water Authority under section 81 of the Water Resources Act 1963 with respect to any of the matters referred to in sections 81(1)(b) and 81(1)(d) of that Act";

"Interim Determination" means a determination by the Water Services Regulation Authority of the relevant questions pursuant to a reference by the Appointee under paragraph 14 or pursuant to paragraph 15 or, as the case may be, a determination by the Competition and Markets Authority of the relevant questions or of a disputed determination subject to a reference to it pursuant to paragraph 16 that relates to a reference by the Appointee under paragraph 14 or a determination pursuant to paragraph 15;

“Network Plus Activities” means Network Plus Water Activities and Network Plus Wastewater Activities;

“Network Plus Water Activities” means all activities carried out by the Appointee in performance of its functions as a water undertaker other than Water Resources Activities and Retail Activities;

“Network Plus Wastewater Activities” means all activities carried out by the Appointee in performance of its functions as a sewerage undertaker other than Bioresources Activities and Retail Activities;

"Price Control" means a control set by the Water Services Regulation Authority, pursuant to a Periodic Review or Interim Determination, or deemed to be so set by virtue of sub-paragraph 16.2, in respect of the charges to be levied by and/or revenue allowed to an Appointed Business or any part thereof (having regard to its costs) and such matters ancillary to the said control, by way of a determination pursuant to this Condition. The appropriate nature and form of each control for Water Resources Activities, Bioresources Activities and Retail Activities will depend on the circumstances of each case;

"Retail Activities" means such activities that constitute the provision of goods or services by the Appointee directly to one or more End-Users, and such activities ancillary to such provision including ownership of meters, and that are so designated from time to time (which designation, for the avoidance of doubt, shall be reversible) by the Water Services Regulation Authority, but for the avoidance of doubt shall not include the following:

- (a) water resources, raw water distribution, water treatment, treated water distribution, sewage collection, sewage treatment, sludge treatment or sludge disposal (as each of those is defined in the Water Services Regulation Authority’s Regulatory Accounting Guideline (RAG) 4.06);
or
- (b) in so far as the ownership of meters is so designated, the ownership of meters that were installed at, or in order to measure supplies to, End-Users’ premises on or before the date of such designation;

"Standard Charges" means

- (1) charges fixed under any such charges scheme as is referred to in section 143 of the Water Industry Act 1991;
- (2) charges fixed by the Appointee in respect of its Water Resources Activities, Bioresources Activities and Network Plus Activities;
- (3) charges payable under any such agreement as is referred to in section 142 of the Water Industry Act 1991 (including any such agreement made or entered into by the Water Authority under section 30 of the 1973 Act as, in accordance with a scheme under Schedule 2, is transferred to the Appointee) under or for which all the charges payable are in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Appointee or, as the case may be, the Water Authority;
- (4) charges payable where a discharge is made in pursuance of a consent given by the Appointee for the purposes of Chapter III of Part IV of the Water Industry Act 1991 under or for which all the charges payable are in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Appointee;
- (5) charges determined by agreement in respect of a supply of water provided by the Appointee for non-domestic purposes where all the charges so determined in respect of that supply are in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Appointee;
- (6) charges fixed under any such charges scheme made by the Water Authority under section 31 of the 1973 Act as, by virtue of paragraph 16(1) of Schedule 26 of the Water Act 1989, had effect on and after the transfer date as if it were a charges scheme made under section 76 of the Water Act 1989 by the Appointee;
- (7) charges payable under any such consent or agreement under the 1937 Act as, by virtue of paragraph 13 of Schedule 26 of the Water Act 1989, has effect on and after the transfer date as if it were given or

entered into by the Appointee under which all the charges payable are in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Water Authority or, as the case may be, the Appointee;

- (8) charges in respect of any such supply which the Water Authority was under a duty to make under section 27 of the 1945 Act as, by virtue of paragraph 8 of Schedule 26 of the Water Act 1989, is a supply which the Appointee is under a duty to make on and after the transfer date where all charges in respect of such supply are in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Water Authority or, as the case may be, the Appointee; and

provided that no part of this definition shall apply to any charge which is for the time being an Excluded Charge by virtue of (7A) of the definition of Excluded Charges;

but so that where this Condition requires reference to be made to Standard Charges in a Charging Year prior to that starting on 1 April 1990 the expression "Standard Charges" shall be read and construed as though:

- (a) there were added to sub-paragraph (6) of this definition the words "and any charges scheme made by the Water Authority under section 31 of the 1973 Act";
- (b) there were added to sub-paragraph (7) of this definition the words "and any consent or agreement given or entered into by the Water Authority under the 1937 Act under which all the charges payable were in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Water Authority";
- (c) there were added to sub-paragraph (8) of this definition- the words "and any such supply which the Water Authority was under a duty to make under section 27 of the 1945 Act, where all the charges in respect of such supply were in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Water Authority"; and

- (d) there were added a further sub-paragraph, (9), as follows: "charges payable under any consent, agreement, scheme or other instrument given, made or entered into by the Water Authority under any enactment or subordinate legislation under which it is empowered to make charges under which all the charges payable were in accordance with standard charges published or fixed by the Water Authority".

In this definition references to standard charges published or fixed by the Appointee or the Water Authority are to such charges, whether published or fixed under a charges scheme or otherwise;

"Termination Notice" means a notice given in accordance with Condition O;

an **"unmeasured supply"** is one where none of the charges for that supply is based on measured quantities of volume;

"Water Resources Activities" means –

- (a) such activities carried out by the Appointee in performance of its functions as a water undertaker in connection with abstraction licences, raw water abstraction, raw water transport and raw water storage, and such ancillary activities, as may be so designated from time to time (which designation, for the avoidance of doubt, shall be reversible) by Water Services Regulation Authority;

EXCEPT THAT:

- (b) Water Resources Activities shall not include water treatment and treated water distribution.

3 **Interpretation**

Where the context so requires, terms used in the definition in this Part of Bioresources Activities and Water Resources Activities shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Water Services Regulation Authority's Regulatory Accounting Guideline (RAG) 4.06.

4 **[Not used]**

5 **[Not used]**

6 **[Not used]**

7 **[Not used]**

Part III. Periodic Reviews

8 **[Not used]**

9 Periodic Reviews of the Appointed Business

9.1 The Appointee shall levy charges in a way best calculated to comply with the Price Control or Price Controls determined by the Water Services Regulation Authority pursuant to sub-paragraph 9.3 or sub-paragraph 9.4.

9.2 The Appointee shall furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority such Information as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require to enable it to carry out a Periodic Review pursuant to sub-paragraph 9.3 or sub-paragraph 9.4.

9.3 In respect of the Appointed Business's Retail Activities, the Water Services Regulation Authority shall determine (having regard to all the circumstances which are relevant in the light of the principles which apply by virtue of Part I of the Water Industry Act 1991 in relation to the Water Services Regulation Authority's determinations, including, without limitation, any change in circumstance which has occurred since the last Periodic Review or which is to occur):

- (1) what is the appropriate nature, form and level of one or more Price Controls in respect of the relevant part or parts of the Appointed Business;
- (2) how the Appointee shall, in respect of each such Price Control applicable to it, demonstrate the compliance referred to in sub-paragraph 9.1; and

- (3) for how long each such Price Control in respect of the Appointee shall last (being a period of consecutive Charging Years).

9.4

- (1) In respect of the Appointed Business's Water Resources Activities, Bioresources Activities, Network Plus Water Activities and Network Plus Wastewater Activities except for those activities for which there are Excluded Charges, the Water Services Regulation Authority shall determine separate Price Controls in accordance with this subparagraph (having regard to all the circumstances which are relevant in the light of the principles which apply by virtue of Part I of the Water Industry Act 1991 in relation to the Water Services Regulation Authority's determinations including, without limitation, any change in circumstance which has occurred since the last Periodic Review or which is to occur).
- (2) In relation to Network Plus Activities, the Water Services Regulation Authority shall determine:
 - (a) one single Price Control in respect of the Appointed Business's Network Plus Water Activities and one single Price Control in respect of the Appointed Business's Network Plus Wastewater Activities, each such Price Control consisting of, in each Charging Year:
 - (i) the percentage change (expressed, in the case of an increase, as a positive number, in the case of a decrease, as a negative number, and, in the case of no change, as zero) in the Relevant Index between that published for the month of November in the Prior Year and that published for the immediately preceding November; and
 - (ii) a number, "K" which may be a positive number or a negative number or zero

which shall together be expressed as a percentage, and which shall limit the change in the charges to be levied by and/or revenue allowed to the Appointed Business in each Charging Year in respect of the activities concerned; and

(b) how the Appointee shall, in respect of each Network Plus Activities Price Control applicable to it, demonstrate the compliance referred to in sub-paragraph 9.1.

(3) In relation to Water Resources Activities, the Water Services Regulation Authority shall determine:

(a) what is the appropriate nature, form and level of the Price Control in respect of Water Resources Activities; and

(b) how the Appointee shall demonstrate the compliance referred to in sub-paragraph 9.1 in respect of Water Resources Activities,

and in making any such determination will include an annual adjustment to reflect any percentage change in the Relevant Index between that published for the month of November in the Prior Year and that published for the immediately preceding November.

(4) In relation to Bioresources Activities, the Water Services Regulation Authority shall determine:

(a) what is the appropriate nature, form and level of the Price Control in respect of Bioresources Activities; and

(b) how the Appointee shall demonstrate the compliance referred to in sub-paragraph 9.1 in respect of Bioresources Activities,

and in making any such determination will include an annual adjustment to reflect any percentage change in the Relevant Index between that published for the month of November in the Prior Year and that published for the immediately preceding November.

- 9.5 Each Price Control determined under sub-paragraph 9.3 pursuant to a Periodic Review shall be set for a period which shall be a number of Charging Years to be determined by the Water Services Regulation Authority, in conjunction with its determination pursuant to sub-paragraph 9.3, in each case starting on 1 April, with the first such period starting on 1 April 2015, provided that no such period shall exceed five consecutive Charging Years.
- 9.6 Each Price Control determined under sub-paragraph 9.4 pursuant to a Periodic Review shall be set:
- (1) for the five consecutive Charging Years starting on 1 April 2020; and
 - (2) thereafter for each period of five consecutive Charging Years starting on the fifth anniversary of the first day of the period in respect of which the immediately preceding Periodic Review was carried out.
- 9.7 If, at any time after 1 April 2020, the Water Services Regulation Authority is unable to conduct a Periodic Review by 31 December in the Charging Year before the Review Charging Year, then:
- (1) in respect of Retail Activities, the previous determination pursuant to sub-paragraph 9.3 – in so far as that determination includes the matters decided under sub-paragraphs 9.3(1) and (2) – in respect of the final Charging Year of the period that was set in that previous determination pursuant to sub-paragraph 9.3(3), shall continue to apply for consecutive Charging Years until the next relevant determination under sub-paragraph 9.3 (or equivalent determination by the Competition and Markets Authority pursuant to paragraph 16) or the next relevant Interim Determination becomes effective;
 - (2) in respect of Water Resources Activities, Bioresources Activities or Network Plus Activities, the previous determination pursuant to sub-paragraph 9.4 in respect of the final Charging Year of the period that was set in that previous determination shall continue to apply for consecutive Charging Years until the next relevant determination under sub-paragraph 9.4 (or equivalent determination by the Competition and

Markets Authority pursuant to paragraph 16) or the next relevant Interim Determination becomes effective;

- (3) the Water Services Regulation Authority shall conduct a Periodic Review as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, provided that the Appointee has not given a relevant notice under paragraph 16.

9.8 Where there is a material change to the basis of compiling the Relevant Index, this Condition, in so far as it relates to that part of the calculation of any Price Control to which the Relevant Index is relevant, shall be modified in such a manner as the Water Services Regulation Authority, after prior consultation with the Appointee, may determine to be appropriate to take account of such change.

9.9 The Water Services Regulation Authority may, at its discretion, from time to time (whether pursuant to a Periodic Review in connection with a determination pursuant to sub-paragraph 9.3 or sub-paragraph 9.4, or at other times) designate any activity carried out as part of the Appointed Business as falling within:

- (i) Retail Activities (subject to the definition of "Retail Activities" in paragraph 2);
- (ii) Water Resources Activities (subject to the definition of "Water Resources Activities" in paragraph 2);
- (iii) Bioresources Activities (subject to the definition of "Bioresources Activities" in paragraph 2);
- (iv) Network Plus Water Activities (subject to the definition of "Network Plus Water Activities" in paragraph 2); or
- (v) Network Plus Wastewater Activities (subject to the definition of "Network Plus Wastewater Activities" in paragraph 2).

9.10 Where a designation is made under sub-paragraph 9.9 pursuant to a Periodic Review in conjunction with a determination pursuant to sub-paragraph 9.3 or

sub-paragraph 9.4, that designation shall be treated for the purposes of sub-paragraph 16.1 as part of the determination.

- 9.11 Where a designation is made under sub-paragraph 9.9 otherwise than pursuant to a Periodic Review in conjunction with a determination pursuant to sub-paragraph 9.3 or sub-paragraph 9.4, that designation shall be treated for the purposes of sub-paragraph 16.1 as part of the next following determination in respect of the activity concerned.

10 Non Retail Charges Publication

- 10.1 The Appointee may from time to time be required to publish charges fixed for the purposes of demonstrating compliance with the Price Controls determined in respect of its Water Resources Activities, Bioresources Activities and Network Plus Activities. Such requirement shall be made by way of a notice from the Water Services Regulation Authority to the Appointee specifying the information to be provided, the method of publication, the time by which publication is required (being a reasonable period of time) and the period for which the published charges are to be effective. The Appointee shall comply with the said requirement by notice and adhere to the charges accordingly published.

11 Periodic Reviews relating to the Appointed Business where a Termination Notice has been given

- 11.1 Where a Termination Notice has been given by the Secretary of State to the Appointee, the Appointee may refer to the Water Services Regulation Authority for determination by it the question whether, on the assumption that such a Termination Notice had not been given, (but subject thereto, having regard to all the circumstances which are relevant in the light of the principles which apply by virtue of Part I of the Water Industry Act 1991 in relation to the Water Services Regulation Authority's determination or determinations, including, without limitation, any change in circumstance which has occurred since the most recent one or more Periodic Reviews or which is to occur), the Price Controls, and in the case of Retail Activities, Water Resources Activities

and Bioresources Activities the nature, form and level of one or more Price Controls should be changed (and if so what change should be made to the relevant Price Control or Price Controls and, in the case of Retail Activities, Water Resources Activities and Bioresources Activities, to the nature, form and level of the relevant Price Control or Price Controls) for one or more periods (as decided by the Water Services Regulation Authority) of consecutive Charging Years starting with the Charging Year starting 1 April last before the Termination Notice is to expire.

- 11.2 A reference to the Water Services Regulation Authority under this paragraph 11 shall be made by notice given to the Water Services Regulation Authority not earlier than 1 July and not later than 14 July in the Charging Year next but one before that commencing on the said 1 April.

Part 3A Performance Measure Adjustments

- 12.1 This Part 3A applies where the Water Services Regulation Authority has notified the Appointee by 31 December in the Charging Year before the Review Charging Year that a Price Control determined under sub-paragraph 9.3 in respect of the Appointee's Retail Activities or sub-paragraph 9.4 in respect of the Appointee's Water Resources Activities, Bioresources Activities or Network Plus Activities may be adjusted to reflect the Appointee's performance in relation to a specific Performance Commitment.
- 12.2 The Appointee may by notice to the Water Services Regulation Authority refer for a determination under this Part the question set out in sub-paragraph 12.5 or the Water Services Regulation Authority may make a determination under this Part of the question set out in sub-paragraph 12.5 on its own initiative.
- 12.3 Any such reference by the Appointee must be made no later than 15 August in the year before the first Charging Year for which any adjustment to a Price Control is sought.
- 12.4 Any such determination by the Water Services Regulation Authority must be made no later than 15 November in the year before the first Charging Year for which any adjustment to a Price Control would take effect.

- 12.5 Under this Part the Water Services Regulation Authority may determine the question of whether there should be a change to the revenue allowed under, or, as the case may be, the level of, any Price Control determined under sub-paragraph 9.3 in respect of the Appointee's Retail Activities or sub-paragraph 9.4 in respect of its Water Resources Activities, Bioresources Activities or Network Plus Activities for the following and any subsequent Charging Year and, if so, the amount of such change.
- 12.6 The Appointee shall furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority such Information as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require for the purpose of making a determination pursuant to this Part.
- 12.7 In making a determination pursuant to this Part, the Water Services Regulation Authority shall:
- (a) consider the Appointee's performance in relation to each relevant Performance Commitment in the period for which performance is being assessed and, in deciding for which Charging Year or Charging Years an adjustment to a Price Control should be made, shall consider both that and the Appointee's expected performance in the current year or one or more future years up to, but not including, the next Review Charging Year; and
 - (b) take account of the adjustments to the relevant Price Control which the Water Services Regulation Authority notified to the Appointee under sub-paragraph 12.1 above in relation to each relevant Performance Commitment in question.
- 12.8 In this Part "**Performance Commitment**" means a target or other measure of the performance of the Appointee in relation to the carrying out of the Regulated Activities that the Water Services Regulation Authority has notified to the Appointee by 31 December in the Charging Year before the Review Charging Year or which is set by the Competition and Markets Authority following a determination under paragraph 16.

12.9 In this Condition references to a “**Price Control**” include a Price Control that has been changed in accordance with a determination made under this Part.

12.10 Where a notification of a Performance Commitment is made for the purposes of sub-paragraph 12.1, that notification shall be treated for the purposes of sub-paragraph 16.1 (regarding references to the Competition and Markets Authority) as part of the relevant determination made under sub-paragraph 9.3 or sub-paragraph 9.4.

Part IV. Interim Determinations

13 Matters of interpretation and construction which apply for the purposes of this Part IV

13.1 In this Part of this Condition:

"the Appropriate Discount Rate" means such rate of return upon borrowing as, at the time at which the Appropriate Discount Rate falls to be applied from time to time under this Condition, investors and creditors would reasonably expect of a properly managed company holding the Appointments whose sole business consists of being a water undertaker and a sewerage undertaker and, without excluding other considerations which may also be relevant, having its equity share capital listed on The London Stock Exchange, and the same Appropriate Discount Rate shall be applied for all purposes in determining questions the subject of the same reference (including questions determined by the Water Services Regulation Authority under paragraph 15 when it determines questions referred to it by the Appointee under paragraph 14);

"equity share capital" has the same meaning as in the Companies Act 2006;

"making a Relevant Determination" means, as regards each Price Control to which an Interim Determination relates or is to relate, making one or more determinations pursuant to sub-paragraph 9.3 or sub-paragraph 9.4, pursuant to a Periodic Review, as to that Price Control, or making any subsequent Interim Determination as to whether the level of that Price Control should be

changed (and, if so, what change should be made to the level of the Price Control or Price Controls), and "**Relevant Determination**" shall be construed accordingly;

"**Net Present Value**" means the net present value calculated as at 30 September in the year in which the relevant Reference Notice is given or, where in any year no Reference Notice is given under paragraph 14 but the Water Services Regulation Authority gives a notice to the Appointee under paragraph 15, as at 30 September in the year in which the Water Services Regulation Authority gives the notice, by discounting subsequent cash flows and inflating earlier cash flows at the Appropriate Discount Rate, assuming all cash flows in any Charging Year occur on 30 September in that Charging Year;

a "**Notified Item**" is any item notified by the Water Services Regulation Authority to the Appointee as not having been allowed for (either in full or at all) in making a Relevant Determination; and for the purpose of this definition:

- (a) where any such item was not allowed for in full then it shall only be a Notified Item to the extent that it was not allowed for; and
- (b) where, in determining whether the Relevant Determination should be changed (and if so what change should be made to it), the Water Services Regulation Authority, or, as the case may be, the Competition and Markets Authority, allows for any such item as was previously so notified by the Water Services Regulation Authority then references in this Condition to Notified Items and Relevant Items shall be taken, for the purposes of any subsequent Interim Determination, to exclude such item to the extent that the Water Services Regulation Authority, or, as the case may be, the Competition and Markets Authority, allowed for it as aforesaid;

a "**Relevant Change of Circumstance**" is any of the following:

- (1) (a) the application to the Appointee of any legal requirement; and

- (b) any change to any legal requirement which applies to the Appointee (including any legal requirement ceasing to apply, being withdrawn or not being renewed);
- (2) either of the following circumstances for any Charging Year in respect of which the Secretary of State, or, as the case may be, the Water Services Regulation Authority, notified the Appointee that variations in value received or expected to be received from Relevant Disposals of Land shall constitute a Relevant Change of Circumstance:
 - (a) where for any Charging Year the value received or expected to be received from a Relevant Disposal of any Identified Land is, or is expected to be, different from the value which the Secretary of State, or, as the case may be, the Water Services Regulation Authority, notified the Appointee was the value attributable to a Relevant Disposal of that Identified Land for that Charging Year which had been allowed for in making a Relevant Determination; or
 - (b) where for any Charging Year, and to the extent not taken into account under (a) above, the aggregate value received or expected to be received from Relevant Disposals of Non-identified Land is, or is expected to be, different from the value which the Secretary of State, or, as the case may be, the Water Services Regulation Authority, notified the Appointee was the value attributable to Relevant Disposals of Non-identified Land for that Charging Year which had been allowed for in making a Relevant Determination;

and so that any notification by the Water Services Regulation Authority for the purposes of this sub-paragraph (2) shall be relevant for the purposes of this sub-paragraph (2) to the exclusion of any earlier notification by the Secretary of State or the Water Services Regulation Authority for the purposes of this sub-paragraph (2) to the extent that

the first-mentioned notification is made in respect of matters in respect of which that earlier notification was made.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (2):

- (i) "**Identified Land**" means any piece or parcel of protected land identified in any such notification referred to in (a) above as is relevant for the time being for the purposes of this sub-paragraph (2) as being included in that notification, not being, or being part of, a piece or parcel of land which has previously been the subject of a transfer under paragraph 7 of Condition K;
- (ii) "**land**" includes any interest or right in or over land;
- (iii) "**Non-identified Land**" means any piece or parcel of protected land, not being, or being part of:
 - (A) a piece or parcel of protected land identified in any such notification referred to in (a) above as is relevant for the time being for the purposes of this sub-paragraph (2); or
 - (B) a piece or parcel of protected land which has previously been the subject of a transfer under paragraph 7 of Condition K;
- (iv) "**protected land**" and "**disposal**" have the meanings respectively given to them in section 219 of the Water Industry Act 1991;
- (v) a "**Relevant Disposal**" means and includes any disposal by the Appointee;
- (vi) a "**Relevant Disposal of Land**" means and includes a Relevant Disposal of Identified Land and a Relevant Disposal of Non-identified Land;

- (vii) "**value**" includes value of any kind including, without limitation, cash, the value of real or personal property or any interest in such property, the value of any right or benefit (actual or prospective) and the value of any release, in whole or in part, of any obligation or claim, provided that to the extent that any property, right or benefit shall consist of a right to receive cash or any other asset then no value shall be attributed to that property, right or benefit but the cash or other asset the subject thereof shall be included and treated as value received or expected to be received in the Charging Year in which it is received or expected to be received;
- (viii) references to "**value received or expected to be received**" shall be construed so as to include receipts by, and grants to, the Appointee, any Associated Company or any other business in which either the Appointee or any Associated Company has a material direct or indirect interest;
- (ix) in the case of a right or benefit, but subject to the proviso to (vii) above, value shall be deemed to have been received at the time the right is granted or the benefit arises;

(3) where:

- (i) in making a Relevant Determination, an amount has been allowed for on account of steps taken or to be taken for the purpose of securing or facilitating compliance with a legal requirement (not being one to comply with which the Appointee has determined to make a change to the basis on which it charges customers for water supply or sewerage services) or achieving a service standard adopted or to be adopted by the Appointee; and

- (ii) in any such case:
 - (A) the Appointee has not taken (by the date by which it was assumed for the purposes of assessing the amount allowed for as aforesaid it would take those steps) any or all of those steps which, for the purpose of assessing the amount allowed for as aforesaid, it was assumed it would take; and
 - (B) as a result, the amount allowed for as aforesaid is substantially greater than the sum of (a) the costs (if any) actually incurred by the Appointee for the relevant purpose specified in (i) above and (b) so much (if any) of that amount as has been otherwise offset by prudent management of the capital programme; and
 - (C) that purpose has not been otherwise achieved;

a "**Relevant Item**" is any of the following:

- (1) A Relevant Change of Circumstance (other than a Relevant Change of Circumstance falling within sub-paragraph (2) of the definition);
- (2) A Notified Item; and
- (3) A Relevant Disposal of Land

and references to a Relevant Item are to a Relevant Change of Circumstance (other than a Relevant Change of Circumstance falling within sub-paragraph (2) of the definition), a Notified Item or a Relevant Disposal of Land as the context may require.

13.2 In the definition of a "Relevant Change of Circumstance" and for the purpose of that definition:

- (1) a "**legal requirement**" is any of the following:
- (a) any enactment or subordinate legislation to the extent that it applies to the Appointee in its capacity as a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker (and for this purpose, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, "subordinate legislation" includes any order made under section 18 of the Water Industry Act 1991, and any authorisation granted, approval given, or prohibition imposed, by the Secretary of State under The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016);
 - (b) any regulation made by the Council or the Commission of the European Union to the extent that it applies to the Appointee in its capacity as a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker, or decision taken by the said Commission which is binding on the Appointee in its capacity as a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker and to the extent that it is so binding;
 - (c) any licence, consent or authorisation given or to be given by the Secretary of State, the Environment Agency or other body of competent jurisdiction to the Appointee for the purpose of carrying on any of the functions of a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker;
 - (d) any undertaking given by the Appointee to, and accepted by, the Secretary of State or, as the case may be, the Water Services Regulation Authority for the purposes of section 19(1)(b) of the Water Industry Act 1991;
 - (e) other than any such undertaking as is referred to in (d), any undertaking given by the Appointee to any enforcement authority, and accepted by that enforcement authority, to take all such steps:
 - (i) as are specified by that enforcement authority to be necessary or appropriate for the Appointee to take for the

purpose of securing or facilitating compliance with any legal requirement in relation to which that enforcement authority is the enforcement authority; or

(ii) the taking of which is specified by that enforcement authority to be a condition or requirement of granting or renewing any such licence, consent or authorisation as is referred to in (c) or agreeing not to withdraw the same;

(f) the Conditions of these Appointments; and

(g) any interpretation of law, or finding, contained in any judgment given by a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction in respect of which the period for making an appeal has expired which requires any legal requirement falling within (a) to (f) above to have effect in a way;

(i) different to that in which it previously had effect; or

(ii) different to that in which it was taken to have effect:

(A) for the purpose of making a Relevant Determination; or, as the case may be,

(B) in determining whether a Relevant Determination should be changed

but so that nothing in sub-paragraphs (a) to (g) above shall apply so as to include:

(i) any such legal requirement as is referred to in section 41 of the Environment Act 1995 or any such legal requirement that is equivalent to those referred to in section 113 of the Water Act 1989 (as originally enacted), or

(ii) those sections

to the extent in either case that they require the Appointee to pay fees or charges to the relevant enforcement authority; and

- (2) "**enforcement authority**" means any person or body having jurisdiction to enforce or to take action under or in respect of the relevant legal requirement.

13.3 In paragraph 14 and in the definition of a "**Relevant Change of Circumstance**":

- (1) references to costs include references to expenditure and loss of revenue and references to costs being incurred include references to expenditure being made and loss of revenue being suffered;
- (2) references to receipts include references to receipts, cash or other assets of any sort, whether of a capital or revenue nature and including receipts of grants, contributions, gifts and loans; and
- (3) without prejudice to sub-paragraph (1) above, "**Operating Expenditure**" in sub-paragraph 14.2(6) includes third party services as defined in pro forma A7 and A8 of the Water Services Regulation Authority's Regulatory Accounting Guideline 3.07. For the avoidance of doubt, depreciation, the write-down/off of assets, the profits/loss on disposal of assets and infrastructure renewals expenditure or charges are excluded.

13.4 (1) For the purposes of sub-paragraph 14.2(1), costs, receipts and savings shall be ascertained at the general price level prevailing, or expected to prevail, on 30 September in the year in which the Appointee gives notice under sub-paragraph 14.1, or the Water Services Regulation Authority gives notice under sub-paragraph 15.1.

- (2) In sub-paragraphs 14.2(8) and 14.2(9) and sub-paragraph (3) below "**at Outturn Prices**", in relation to the amount of any Base Cash Flow or depreciation, means that amount as adjusted to take account of the actual or expected cumulative percentage change in the Relevant

Index from that prevailing, or expected to prevail, on 30 September in the year in which the Appointee gives notice under sub-paragraph 14.1, or the Water Services Regulation Authority gives notice under sub-paragraph 15.1, up to and including that prevailing, or expected to prevail, on 30 September in the year in which the Base Cash Flow or depreciation occurred, or is expected to occur.

- (3) In sub-paragraph 14.2(8) "**Current Value**", in relation to any Base Cash Flow or depreciation at Outturn Prices, means that amount, as adjusted to take account of the actual or expected cumulative percentage change in the Relevant Index from 30 September in the year in which that Base Cash Flow or depreciation occurred or is expected to occur, up to and including 30 September in the relevant year.

13.5 For the purpose of section 13(5)(b) of the Water Industry Act 1991, the provisions of this Condition, to the extent that they relate to a Relevant Change of Circumstance falling within sub-paragraph (2) of that definition, are provisions of the Appointments which cannot be modified. This sub-paragraph shall cease to have effect if, but only if, this Condition ceases to contain any provision relating to changes to the Relevant Determination to allow for Notified Items and Relevant Changes of Circumstance.

14 References to the Water Services Regulation Authority relating to Notified Items and Relevant Changes of Circumstance and circumstances having a substantial effect on the Appointed Business

14.1 The Appointee may from time to time refer to the Water Services Regulation Authority for determination by it (having considered the proposals of the Appointee) the questions set out in sub-paragraph 14.2 or, as the case may be, sub-paragraph 14.3. Such reference shall be made by notice given to the Water Services Regulation Authority, which, in the case of the questions set out in sub-paragraph 14.2, shall be given in accordance with sub-paragraph 14.4. For the purposes of sub-paragraph 14.2 a single reference may be

made in respect of any number of Notified Items and Relevant Changes of Circumstance and sub-paragraph 14.2 shall be construed accordingly.

14.2 In the case of a Notified Item or where there has been or is to be a Relevant Change of Circumstance all of the following:

- (1) what are, or are likely to be, the costs, receipts and savings reasonably attributable to the Relevant Item and also, in the case of a Relevant Change of Circumstance falling within sub-paragraph (2) of the definition, the costs, receipts and savings reasonably connected with the Relevant Disposal of Land.
- (2) except in the case of a Relevant Change of Circumstance falling within sub-paragraph (2) of the definition, to what extent:
 - (a) are the costs determined under (1) reasonably recoverable through charges for services provided, functions carried out by, and other activities of, the Appointee in its capacity as a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker which are not Standard Charges for water supply, sewerage services and the reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent (not being Excluded Charges);
 - (b) in the case of receipts and savings, is the Relevant Item relevant to services provided, functions carried out by, and other activities of, the Appointee as a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker which are not water supply, sewerage services and the reception, treatment and disposal of trade effluent in respect of which the Appointee makes Standard Charges (not being Excluded Charges)

and where it is determined that such costs are reasonably recoverable as aforesaid or, as the case may be, that the Relevant Item is relevant as aforesaid, either in full or to an extent, then references hereafter to costs, receipts and savings reasonably attributable to a Relevant Item are to those costs, receipts and savings except to that extent;

- (3) both of the following:
- (a) what costs reasonably attributable to, or connected with, the Relevant Item as determined under (1) and what timing of incurring of such costs are appropriate and reasonable for the Appointee in all the circumstances to incur and programme, or, as the case may be, to have incurred and programmed, by reason of the Relevant Item; and
 - (b) what receipts and savings reasonably attributable to, or connected with, the Relevant Item as determined under (1) and what timing of such receipts and savings is appropriate and reasonable for the Appointee in all the circumstances to achieve and programme or, as the case may be, to have achieved and programmed, by reason of the Relevant Item

and for the purpose of determining the separate amounts under (a) and (b), but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing:

- (i) no account shall be taken of:
 - (A) any trivial amounts;
 - (B) any costs, to the extent that they would have been, or would be, avoided by prudent management action taken since the transfer date (and for this purpose what constitutes "prudent management action" shall be assessed by reference to the circumstances which were known or which ought reasonably to have been known to the Appointee at the relevant time);
 - (C) any savings achieved by management action taken since the transfer date over and above those which would have been achieved by prudent management action (and for this purpose what

constitutes "prudent management action" shall be assessed by reference to the circumstances at the relevant time); or

- (D) any amounts attributable to matters allowed for in making a Relevant Determination, except to the extent that such amounts otherwise fall to be taken into account as amounts reasonably attributable to, or connected with, the Relevant Item under this sub-paragraph (3) and sub-paragraph (1) by virtue of the definition of a Notified Item and a Relevant Change of Circumstance; and
- (ii) in the case of a Relevant Change of Circumstance falling within sub-paragraph (1) of the definition, regard shall be had to whether either:
 - (a) the Secretary of State has notified the Water Services Regulation Authority of any change of policy, concerning any environmental or water-quality standard, which has been made since the last Relevant Determination; or
 - (b) the Appointee has itself given notice to the Water Services Regulation Authority of the application to it of, or any change to, any legal requirement, before referring that legal requirement to the Water Services Regulation Authority under sub-paragraph 14.1;
- (4) having determined under (3) the separate amounts of costs and of receipts and savings in respect of each Relevant Item, what are the annual cash flows thereof (costs being netted off against the amount of receipts and savings for this purpose) over each Charging Year

included in the timing determined under (3) (those annual cash flows being hereinafter referred to as "**the Base Cash Flows**");

- (5) what is the annual aggregate of:
- (a) one half of the Base Cash Flows in respect of Relevant Changes of Circumstance falling within sub-paragraph (2) of that definition; and
 - (b) the Base Cash Flows in respect of all other Relevant Changes of Circumstance and Notified Items

in both cases the subject of the notice or notices under sub-paragraph 14.4 or sub-paragraph 15.1;

- (6) (a) where any part of an annual aggregate derived under sub-paragraph (5) consists of items to which (b) below does not apply, what is the Net Present Value of that part of the annual aggregate, calculated up to the start of the first of the Charging Years for which the next Periodic Review falls to be carried out;
- (b) where any part of the annual aggregate derived under sub-paragraph (5) consists of revenue and/or Operating Expenditure, what is the Net Present Value of that part of the annual aggregate, calculated over 15 years; and
- (c) what is the aggregate of the Net Present Values calculated under (a) and (b) ("**the Materiality Amount**");
- (7) is the Materiality Amount equal to or does it exceed ten per cent of the turnover attributable to the Appointed Business in the latest financial year for which accounting statements have been prepared and delivered to the Water Services Regulation Authority under Condition F, as shown by those accounting statements, and for this purpose where the Materiality Amount is a negative figure it shall be treated as though it were a positive figure;

- (8) if so, for each year, ("**the relevant year**") until the first of the Charging Years for which the next Periodic Review falls to be carried out (having regard to any Review Notice or Reference Notice which has been given at the time when the reference is made);
- (a) what are the following amounts:
- (i) all Base Cash Flows at Outturn Prices attributable to the creation or acquisition of depreciable assets ("**Allowable Capital Expenditure**");
 - (ii) all the Base Cash Flows at Outturn Prices (save in respect of Relevant Changes of Circumstance falling within sub-paragraph (2) of that definition, where one half of the Base Cash Flow at Outturn Prices shall be used) attributable to the creation, acquisition or disposal of non-depreciable assets ("**Allowable Infrastructure Asset Expenditure**");
 - (iii) all other Base Cash Flows at Outturn Prices ("**Other Allowable Expenditure**");
 - (iv) the sum of the Current Value of all Allowable Capital Expenditure occurring up to and including the relevant year, divided by the weighted average expected life of the assets attributable to that Allowable Capital Expenditure at the time those assets were or are expected to be created or acquired ("**Allowable Depreciation**");
 - (v) the sum of the Current Value of all Allowable Capital Expenditure occurring up to and including the relevant year less the sum of the Current Value of all Allowable Depreciation occurring up to and including the relevant year ("**Allowable Net Asset Value**");

- (vi) the sum of the Current Value of all Allowable Infrastructure Asset Expenditure occurring up to and including the relevant year ("**Allowable Infrastructure Asset Value**");
- (vii) the Appropriate Discount Rate, adjusted so as to exclude any allowance for changes in the Relevant Index, multiplied by the sum of:
 - (A) the Allowable Net Asset Value for the relevant year; and
 - (B) the Allowable Infrastructure Asset Value for the relevant year;("the **Allowable Return**"); and
- (b) what is the sum of:
 - (i) Other Allowable Expenditure;
 - (ii) Allowable Depreciation; and
 - (iii) the Allowable Return;(the "**Annual Allowable Amount**");
- (9) what change to the level of Price Control or Price Controls over the period beginning from the first of the Charging Years referred to in sub-paragraph 14.4(1) (in any case where a Reference Notice has been given in respect of sub-paragraph 14.2) or sub-paragraph 15.1(1) (in any other case) until the first of the Charging Years for which the next Periodic Review falls to be carried out (having regard to any Review Notice or Reference Notice which has been given at the time when the reference is made) ("**the Relevant Period**") is most likely to allow, or, as the case may be, require, the Appointee to make such charges over the Relevant Period ("**Adjusted Charges**"), in such a manner as to secure that the increase, or, as the case may be, the decrease, in

revenue attributable to the making of Adjusted Charges would, in each year of the Relevant Period, be equal to:

(i) the Annual Allowable Amount for that year,

plus

(ii) where Base Cash Flows at Outturn Prices have occurred prior to the first year of the Relevant Period, the amount, which, calculated as a constant annual amount over the Relevant Period, would result in the sum of the Net Present Values of these amounts equalling the sum of the Net Present Values of the Annual Allowable Amounts for each of the years prior to the Relevant Period.

14.3 All of the following:

- (1) whether any circumstance (other than a Relevant Change of Circumstance) has occurred which has or will have:
 - (a) a substantial adverse effect on the Appointed Business or on its assets, liabilities, financial position, or profits or losses, not being one which would have been avoided by prudent management action taken since the transfer date; or
 - (b) a substantial favourable effect on the Appointed Business, or on its assets, liabilities, financial position, or profits or losses, being one which is (i) fortuitous and (ii) not attributable to prudent management action; and
- (2) if so, what change should be made to the level of Price Control or Price Controls.

For this purpose:

(i) what constitutes "prudent management action" shall be assessed by reference to the circumstances which were known

or which ought reasonably to have been known to the Appointee at the relevant time;

- (ii) an effect shall not be regarded as a substantial adverse effect or a substantial favourable effect in any case unless, if the questions set out in sub-paragraph 14.2 were to be asked in relation to the circumstance giving rise to it, the answer to that in 14.2(7) (taking the reference in it to ten per cent as a reference to twenty per cent) would be in the affirmative.

14.4 A Reference Notice given to the Water Services Regulation Authority in respect of sub-paragraph 14.2 shall contain or be accompanied by reasonable details of the Relevant Item in respect of which the Reference Notice is given and, unless the Water Services Regulation Authority otherwise consents, shall be given not later than:

- (1) the fifteenth day of September immediately preceding the first of the Charging Years in respect of which the Appointee wishes the change to the level of Price Control or Price Controls to take effect; or
- (2) if later, where the Water Services Regulation Authority has given a notice to the Appointee under sub-paragraph 15.1 in respect of the same Charging Year, within fourteen days from the receipt by the Appointee of that notice.

15 Changes to the level of a Price Control or Price Controls initiated by the Water Services Regulation Authority relating to Notified Items and Relevant Changes of Circumstance and circumstances within sub-paragraph 14.3(1)(b)

15.1 In the case of a Notified Item or where any Relevant Change of Circumstance has occurred or is to occur, the Water Services Regulation Authority may, having given notice to the Appointee specifying the Notified Item or, as the case may be, the Relevant Change of Circumstance, of its intention so to do not later than:

- (1) the fifteenth day of September immediately preceding the first of the Charging Years in respect of which it proposes the change to the level of a Price Control or Price Controls to take effect; or
- (2) if later, where the Appointee has given a Reference Notice to the Water Services Regulation Authority in respect of sub-paragraph 14.2 and falling within sub-paragraph 14.4(1) in respect of the same Charging Year, within fourteen days from the receipt by the Water Services Regulation Authority of that Reference Notice

determine the questions set out in sub-paragraph 14.2 in respect of that Notified Item or, as the case may be, that Relevant Change of Circumstance. A single notice may be given under this sub-paragraph 15.1 in respect of any number of Notified Items and Relevant Changes of Circumstance and sub-paragraph 14.2 shall be construed accordingly.

15.2 Where sub-paragraph 14.4(2) or 15.1(2) applies, the questions set out in (5) to (9) inclusive of sub-paragraph 14.2 shall be determined in respect of all Notified Items and Relevant Changes of Circumstance in respect of which the Appointee and the Water Services Regulation Authority have given notice, taken as a whole.

15.3 In the case of sub-paragraph 14.3, the Water Services Regulation Authority shall give notice to the Appointee of its intention to determine the questions set out in sub-paragraph 14.3(1)(b) and (2).

Part V. References to the Competition and Markets Authority

16 References to the Competition and Markets Authority

16.1 Where:

- (1) pursuant to paragraph 9 or following a reference under paragraph 11, the Water Services Regulation Authority has not given notice to the Appointee of its determination or determinations within one year from the Review Notice Date(s) or, in the case of a reference under

paragraph 11, within one year from the date of the relevant Reference Notice;

- (2) following a reference under paragraph 14, the Water Services Regulation Authority has not given notice to the Appointee of its determinations (including any determinations under paragraph 15 which fall to be taken into account in determining the questions the subject of the reference under paragraph 14) within 3 months from the date of the relevant Reference Notice; or
- (3) the Appointee disputes any determination made by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sub-paragraph 9.3 or sub-paragraph 9.4 or any Interim Determination made by the Water Services Regulation Authority under Part IV of this Condition,

the Appointee may, by notice given to the Water Services Regulation Authority within:

- (a) 13 months from the Review Notice Date or, in the case of a reference under paragraph 11, from the date of the relevant Reference Notice (in the cases referred to in sub-paragraph (1)); or
- (b) 4 months from the date of the relevant Reference Notice (in the case referred to in sub-paragraph (2)); or
- (c) 2 months from the date on which the Water Services Regulation Authority gives notice of its determination or determinations to the Appointee (in the case referred to in sub-paragraph (3))

require the Water Services Regulation Authority to refer to the Competition and Markets Authority for determination (such determination to be effective as if made by the Water Services Regulation Authority) by it:

- (i) in any case referred to in sub-paragraph (1) or (2), the relevant question or questions (including, where relevant, the questions in respect of any Notified Item or Relevant Change of Circumstance the subject of a notice under paragraph 15); or

(ii) in any case referred to in sub-paragraph (3), the disputed determination.

16.2 Where the Appointee requires the Water Services Regulation Authority to make a reference to the Competition and Markets Authority under sub-paragraph 16.1 in the case referred to in section (3) of that sub-paragraph, the Appointee shall levy charges in a way best calculated to comply with the Price Control or Price Controls determined by the Water Services Regulation Authority as if a reference had not been made until the Competition and Markets Authority makes its determination following such reference. The determination made by the Competition and Markets Authority shall then take effect as if it had been made by the Water Services Regulation Authority.

16.3 Where after 1 April 2019 the Appointee requests the Water Services Regulation Authority to make a reference to the Competition and Markets Authority in respect of any determination under sub-paragraph 9.3 concerning Retail Activities, or under sub-paragraph 9.4 concerning Water Resources Activities, Bioresources Activities or Network Plus Activities, such reference must comprise all such determinations made under sub-paragraphs 9.3 or 9.4 at the same time relating to the Appointee.

17 **[Not used]**

Part VI. Provision of Information to the Water Services Regulation Authority

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18.1 The Appointee shall furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority:

- (1) ...
- (2) not later than 30 September immediately following the date of the Reference Notice (in the case of a reference under paragraph 11);
- (3) at the time when it gives the relevant Reference Notice to the Water Services Regulation Authority (in the case of a reference under paragraph 14 falling within sub-paragraph 14.4(1));

- (4) as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event not later than the expiry of one month from the date of the Water Services Regulation Authority's notice to the Appointee under paragraph 15 (in the case of such a notice, including the case of a reference under paragraph 14 falling within sub-paragraph 14.4(2))

such Information as the Appointee reasonably believes is necessary or, as the case may be, as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require in its said notice, to enable the Water Services Regulation Authority to make its determination. The Appointee shall also furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority as soon as reasonably practicable such further Information as the Water Services Regulation Authority may from time to time by notice to the Appointee reasonably require to make its determination.

- 18.2 The Appointee shall also furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority from time to time when so requested by the Water Services Regulation Authority such Information as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require to decide whether or not to make determinations under paragraph 15.
- 18.3 Any Information furnished to the Water Services Regulation Authority under this paragraph 18 or under paragraph 9 shall, if the Water Services Regulation Authority so requires to make its determination, be reported on by a person appointed by the Appointee and approved by the Water Services Regulation Authority (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld) ("**the Reporter**").
- 18.4 The Appointee shall enter into a written contract of engagement with the Reporter which shall:
 - (1) where such a report is required by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sub-paragraph 18.3, require the Reporter to prepare and furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority, and separately to the Appointee, a written report addressed jointly to the Water Services Regulation Authority and the Appointee in form and substance such as may be specified by, or consistent with any

guidelines specified by, the Water Services Regulation Authority at the time when it requires the report to be furnished, the matters so specified being reasonably appropriate to enable the Water Services Regulation Authority to make its determination (to the extent that the Information in respect of which that report is required to be prepared and furnished is relevant to that determination); and

- (2) include a term that the Reporter will provide such further explanation or clarification of his report as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require and such further Information in respect of, or verification of, the matters which are the subject of his report as the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably require.

The contract of engagement may also include provisions requiring the Reporter, his employees and agents to keep confidential and not to disclose, except to the Water Services Regulation Authority or as required by law, any Information which the Reporter obtains in the course of preparing his report.

18.5 The Appointee shall co-operate fully with the Reporter to enable him to prepare his report, including without limitation, so far as is necessary for that purpose:

- (1) subject to reasonable prior notice to the Appointee, giving to the Reporter access at reasonable hours to any Relevant Plant and to any premises occupied by the Appointee in relation to the Appointed Business; and
- (2) subject to reasonable prior notice to the Appointee, allowing the Reporter at reasonable hours:
 - (a) to inspect and make photocopies of, and take extracts from, any books and records of the Appointee maintained in relation to the Appointed Business;
 - (b) to carry out inspections, measurements and tests on or in relation to any such premises or Relevant Plant; and

- (c) to take on to such premises or on to or in to any Relevant Plant such other persons and such equipment as may be necessary for the purposes of preparing and completing his report.

18.6 Nothing in sub-paragraph 18.5 shall require the Appointee:

- (1) to do anything which is outside its reasonable control; or
- (2) to do, or to allow the Reporter to do, anything which would materially disrupt the Appointee's business (unless it is essential that that thing be done to enable the Reporter to prepare his report).

18.7 In sub-paragraphs 18.4 and 18.5:

- (1) references to the Reporter include references to his employees and agents; and
- (2) "**Relevant Plant**" means any plant used by the Appointee for the purpose of carrying out the Regulated Activities including, without limitation, water mains, sewers and other pipes and their accessories.

Part VII: Application of this Condition B following merger of Northumbrian and Essex and Suffolk

19 For the purpose of Part VI, there shall be a single Reporter who shall report separately in relation to those parts of the Appointed Business which relate to the Northumbrian Area and those which relate to the Essex and Suffolk Area.

Part VII. Developing the Price Controls

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20.1 The Appointee will use all reasonable endeavours to work with the Water Services Regulation Authority, subject to the Appointee's legal duties and obligations, in a constructive and cooperative manner on the development of the Price Controls so that they might be appropriately targeted or operated more effectively in respect of specific activities undertaken as part of the Appointed Business.

Part VIII. Price Controls in effect before 1 April 2020

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- 21.1 The provisions of Condition B of this instrument in the form that had effect immediately prior to 15 April 2017 shall continue to have effect in respect of the Price Controls set for a period ending before 1 April 2020 and in respect of the making of any Interim Determinations to set any such Price Controls.
- 21.2 In the event that the Water Services Regulation Authority is, in respect of the Appointed Business, unable to determine Price Controls, for the period or periods starting on 1 April 2020, under sub-paragraph 9.3 and sub-paragraph 9.4 of this Condition B by 31 December 2019, the provisions of Condition B in the form that had effect immediately prior to 15 April 2017 shall continue to have effect in respect of the Price Controls until such time as a determination under sub-paragraph 9.3 and sub-paragraph 9.4 of the current Condition B is made and takes effect.”

2. Condition K is deleted and replaced with the following text:

“Condition K: “Ring Fencing”, and Disposals of Land

1 Introduction

The purposes of this Condition are to ensure:

- (1) that the Appointee retains sufficient rights and assets for the purpose described in sub-paragraph 3.1; and
- (2) that the best price is received from disposals of land to which this Condition applies so as to secure benefits to customers through the application of the proceeds of such disposals to reduce charges as provided in, and subject to the provisions of, Condition B.

2 Interpretation and Construction

2.1 In this Condition and for the purposes of this Condition:

a "**Disposal Certificate**" means a certificate signed by all the directors of the Appointee for the time being or approved by a duly convened meeting of the board of directors of the Appointee for the time being and signed by a director or the secretary of the Appointee confirming that it has been so approved and having attached to it a certified copy of an extract of the minutes of the relevant meeting containing the resolution to approve the certificate;

"**formal tender**" means a tender, acceptance of which creates a binding obligation to purchase;

"**land**" includes any interest or right in or over any land;

"**the Materiality Amount**" for the purpose of any disposal of land is

£1 million

or such greater amount as may from time to time be determined by the Water Services Regulation Authority so as to allow for movements in the Relevant

Index or as may from time to time otherwise be determined by the Water Services Regulation Authority and approved by the Secretary of State;

"**nominee**" of any person includes any person acting at the direction of, or in concert with, that first-mentioned person or pursuant to any agreement or understanding with that first mentioned person;

a "**proposed disposal**" is any such disposal to which paragraphs 4, 5 or 6 applies;

"**protected land**" and "**disposal**" have the meanings respectively given to them in section 219 of the Water Industry Act 1991 and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly;

"**Short term Disposal**" means a disposal which consists of the creation of any interest or right in or over protected land which the Appointee has an unconditional right to terminate without penalty at any time and from time to time by not more than thirty months' notice or which expires or otherwise ceases in accordance with its terms within thirty months of the date of its creation without any other interest or right arising on such expiry or cessation;

"**the Transfer Threshold**" for the purpose of any disposal of land to an Associated Company is

£500,000

or such greater amount as may from time to time be determined by the Water Services Regulation Authority so as to allow for movements in the Relevant Index or as may from time to time otherwise be determined by the Water Services Regulation Authority and approved by the Secretary of State;

"**value**" includes value of any kind including, without limitation, cash, the value of real or personal property or any interest in such property and the value of any right or benefit, actual or prospective, and the value of any release, in whole or in part, of any obligation or claim.

2.2 For the purpose of calculating "best price":

- (1) for the purpose of any valuer's certificate required to be furnished under sub-paragraph 4.6(1)(a)(i), or 5.1(1)(b);
 - (a) no reduction shall be made on account of the method, terms and timing of the proposed disposal (if relevant) in respect of which the relevant certificate is required to be furnished, but "best price" shall be calculated on the basis of a disposal of the land in question, the method, terms and timing of which are most likely to secure that the best price is obtained; and
 - (b) where the proposed disposal or, as the case may be, the change of use is related to, or connected or interdependent with, any other proposed disposal, then, subject to sub-paragraph (a), no account shall be taken of that fact; and
- (2) for any purpose under this Condition, "best price" shall include value of any kind as "value" is defined in sub-paragraph 2.1.

3 "Ring Fencing"

- 3.1 The Appointee shall at all times ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, that if a special administration order were made in respect of the Appointee the Appointee would have available to it sufficient rights and assets (other than financial resources) to enable the special administrator so to manage the affairs, business and property of the Appointee that the purposes of such order could be achieved, provided that this paragraph shall not require the Appointee to seek to re-negotiate the terms of any contract or obligation which, in accordance with a scheme under Schedule 2, is transferred to the Appointee.
- 3.2 The Appointee shall publish with its audited accounts for each financial year a statement as to whether the Appointee was in compliance with sub-paragraph 3.1 as at the end of that financial year.
- 3.3 Where any such rights and assets as are mentioned in sub-paragraph 3.1 are provided or made available by any Group Company, the Appointee's

obligations under sub-paragraph 3.1 in respect of such rights and assets shall be such as they would be if the words "so far as reasonably practicable" and the proviso were omitted from that sub-paragraph.

3.4 The state, condition and capacity of assets used by the Appointee in the Appointed business are the subject of Conditions J and L and accordingly sub-paragraph 3.1 shall not apply thereto.

4 Disposals of protected land other than disposals by auction or formal tender or to Associated Companies

4.1 Subject to sub-paragraph 4.2, the Appointee shall not make any disposal of any protected land, unless the Appointee shall have complied with the provision of sub-paragraph 4.3.

4.2 Sub-paragraph 4.1 shall not apply:

- (1) to any Short-term Disposal;
- (2) to any disposal of any protected land the value of which, when aggregated with:
 - (a) the value of any other protected land which affects or might affect the value of such protected land or the value of which is or might be affected by such protected land; and
 - (b) to the extent not taken into account under (a), the value of any other protected land the subject of any other disposal which has taken place, is proposed or contemplated and which in the honestly held and reasonable opinion of the Appointee is or might be related to, or connected or interdependent with, the first mentioned disposaldoes not exceed the Materiality Amount;
- (3) to any such disposal of protected land as is referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6;

- (4) to any disposal of any protected land made in accordance with any such provision as is referred to in section 156(4)(a) of the Water Industry Act 1991 to the relevant person referred to in that section; or
- (5) to any disposal of any protected land made pursuant to any obligation entered into by the Water Authority prior to the transfer date.

4.3 Subject to sub-paragraph 4.6, the Appointee shall:

- (1) not less than 10 working days prior to the Appointee entering into an obligation (whether unconditional or subject to conditions) which requires or might require it to make the proposed disposal, furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority a Disposal Certificate which:
 - (a) identifies the protected land the subject of the proposed disposal both by written description and by a plan showing:
 - (i) such protected land; and
 - (ii) all other land contiguous or adjacent to such protected land in or over which the Appointee or, to the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Appointee, having made due and careful enquiry, any Associated Company has any interest or right and which affects or might affect the value of such protected land or the value of which is or might be affected by such protected land;
 - (b) describes the interest or right in or over the protected land to be disposed of;
 - (c) sets out the terms of the proposed disposal;
 - (d) describes:
 - (i) the consideration to be received or expected to be received; and

- (ii) separately, any other value which, in the reasonable opinion of the Appointee, is to be received or derived, or expected to be received or derived

in each case from or in connection with the proposed disposal by the Appointee and the timing of the receipt or derivation thereof;

- (e) sets out details as required by (a) to (d) inclusive above in respect of any other disposal of protected land which has taken place, is proposed or contemplated and which in the honestly held and reasonable opinion of the Appointee is or might be related to, or connected with or interdependent with, the proposed disposal or, if none, a statement to that effect;
- (f) confirms that the protected land the subject of the proposed disposal is, or at the time the Appointee is required to give vacant possession will be, no longer required for carrying out the Regulated Activities and will not be so required in the foreseeable future;
- (g) confirms:
 - (i) that the proposed disposal is an arms length transaction;
 - (ii) that the consideration and other value (if any) certified under (d) above to be received or derived, or expected to be received or derived, by the Appointee from or in connection therewith is the total value to be received or derived, or expected to be received or derived, from the proposed disposal, whether by the Appointee or any other person;
 - (iii) except where a certificate is furnished under subparagraph 4.5, that in the honestly held and reasonable opinion of the Appointee, taking account of proper

professional advice obtained by the Appointee for that purpose, the consideration certified under (ii) is the best price that could reasonably be obtained for the protected land in question, having regard to all the circumstances at the time when the certificate is given (including, but without limitation, any reasonable prospect of planning permissions being obtained); and

- (iv) that neither the Appointee nor, to the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Appointee, having made due and careful enquiry, any Associated Company or any company or business in which the Appointee, or, to the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Appointee, having made due and careful enquiry, any Associated Company, has a material direct or indirect interest, shall, following the proposed disposal or any other transaction, a continuing interest whether direct or indirect in the protected land the subject of the proposed disposal or in any development involving or connected with that protected land; and

- (2) prior to entering into the relevant obligation, furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority in writing such further Information regarding the proposed disposal which the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably request.

4.4 For the purpose of sub-paragraph 4.3(1)(g)(iv), "interest" includes an entitlement to a share of profits or participation in assets, rights or benefits but excludes any interest which consists solely of an entitlement to receive instalments of consideration which as to amount and timing are certain or variable only by reference to the grant of planning permissions.

4.5 The Appointee may, instead of giving the confirmation required by sub-paragraph 4.3(1)(g)(iii), furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority a certificate by a valuer appointed by the Appointee ("**the Valuer**") addressed to

the Water Services Regulation Authority which states that in the opinion of the Valuer the consideration certified under sub-paragraph 4.3(1)(g)(iii) is the best price that could reasonably be obtained for the protected land in question, having regard to all the circumstances at the time when the certificate is given (including, but without limitation, any reasonable prospect of planning permissions being obtained).

4.6 Where the Appointee proposes to make any such disposal as is mentioned in sub-paragraph 4.1 and the terms or circumstances of the proposed disposal are such that a Disposal Certificate giving the full confirmation required by (f) or (g) of sub-paragraph 4.3(1) (including, where relevant, such a certificate as is referred to in sub-paragraph 4.5) cannot properly be given, the Appointee shall not enter into any obligation (whether unconditional or subject to conditions) which requires or might require it to make that proposed disposal unless:

(1) in any case where the full confirmation required by (g) of sub-paragraph 4.3(1) (including, where relevant, such a certificate as is referred to in sub-paragraph 4.5) cannot properly be given:

(a) either:

(i) not less than 10 working days prior to the Appointee entering into the relevant obligation, the Appointee has furnished to the Water Services Regulation Authority a Disposal Certificate as required by sub-paragraph 4.3 including such of the matters specified in (g) as can properly be certified and a certificate by a valuer appointed by the Appointee and approved by the Water Services Regulation Authority for the purpose of this sub-paragraph ("**the Valuer**") addressed to the Water Services Regulation Authority which states:

(A) that in the opinion of the Valuer the consideration to be received by the Appointee from the proposed

disposal is the best price likely to be obtained from the land in question, having regard to all the circumstances at the time when the certificate is given (including, but without limitation, any reasonable prospect of planning permissions being obtained); and

(B) the amount of the consideration to be received or expected to be received by the Appointee from the proposed disposal, expressed in cash according to when that consideration is to be, or is expected to be, received; or

(ii) the Water Services Regulation Authority gives its prior written consent to the proposed disposal, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed; and

(b) prior to entering into the relevant obligation, the Appointee shall have furnished to the Water Services Regulation Authority in writing such further Information regarding the proposed disposal which the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably request; and

(2) in any case where the full confirmation required by (f) of sub-paragraph 4.3(1) cannot properly be given, the prior written consent of the Water Services Regulation Authority to the proposed disposal has been obtained, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

5 Disposals of protected land by auction or formal tender

5.1 Where the Appointee proposes to dispose by auction or formal tender of any protected land, the value of which (when aggregated with the value of any other such protected land as is described in sub-paragraphs 4.2(2) (a) and (b)), exceeds the Materiality Amount, it shall:

- (1) not less than 10 working days prior to the date of the auction or the invitation to tender:
 - (a) furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority a Disposal Certificate which:
 - (i) contains the information and confirmations required to be contained in a Disposal Certificate furnished under sub-paragraph 4.3(1) under items (a), (b), (c), (e), (f) and (g)(iv) of that sub-paragraph (but so that for this purpose references in the said item (e) to items (a) to (d) inclusive shall be taken to be references to items (a) to (c) inclusive);
 - (ii) sets out the reserve price (if any); and
 - (iii) confirms that the auction will be conducted on the basis that bids will be accepted only on condition that they are not made by an Associated Company or any nominee of any Associated Company or, as the case may be, that, it will be a term of the invitation to tender that it is not capable of acceptance by an Associated Company or any nominee of any Associated Company;
 - (b) furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority a certificate by a valuer appointed by the Appointee ("**the Valuer**") addressed to the Water Services Regulation Authority which states that in the opinion of the Valuer the disposal of the protected land by auction or, as the case may be, formal tender and the timing of the proposed disposal are respectively the method and timing of disposal most likely to secure that the best price is obtained for the land in question;
- (2) prior to the date of the auction or the invitation to tender, furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority in writing such further Information

regarding the proposed disposal which the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably request.

5.2 In any case where the full confirmation required by sub-paragraph 5.1(1)(a)(i) or (iii) cannot properly be given, the Appointee shall not proceed with the proposed disposal without the prior written consent of the Water Services Regulation Authority.

6 Disposals of Protected Land to Associated Companies

6.1 Subject to sub-paragraph 6.2, the Appointee shall not make any disposal, other than a Short Term Disposal, of any protected land to any Associated Company, unless it has complied with the provisions of sub-paragraph 6.3.

6.2 Sub-paragraph 6.1 shall not apply:

to any disposal of any protected land the value of which, when aggregated with:

(a) the value of any other protected land which affects or might affect the value of such protected land or the value of which is or might be affected by such protected land; and

(b) to the extent not taken into account under (a), the value of any other protected land the subject of any other disposal which has taken place, is proposed or contemplated and which in the honestly held and reasonable opinion of the Appointee is or might be related to, or connected or interdependent with, the first mentioned disposal

does not exceed the Transfer Threshold.

6.3 Subject to sub-paragraph 6.4, the Appointee shall:

(1) not later than 10 working days (or such other period to be agreed in advance between the Appointee and the Water Services Regulation Authority) prior to the Appointee entering into any obligation (whether unconditional or subject to conditions) which requires or might require it

to make that disposal (a "**relevant obligation**"), furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority:

- (i) a Disposal Certificate, which contains the information and confirmations required to be contained in a Disposal Certificate furnished under sub-paragraph 4.3(1), including such of the matters specified in (g) as can properly be certified; and
- (ii) a certificate by a valuer appointed by the Appointee and approved by the Water Services Regulation Authority for the purpose of this sub-paragraph ("**the Valuer**") addressed to the Water Services Regulation Authority which states:
 - (A) that in the opinion of the Valuer the consideration to be received by the Appointee from the proposed disposal is the best price likely to be obtained from a disposal of the land in question to an unconnected third party, having regard to all the circumstances at the time when the certificate is given (including, but without limitation, any reasonable prospect of planning permissions being obtained); and
 - (B) the amount of the consideration to be received or expected to be received by the Appointee from the proposed disposal, expressed in cash according to when that consideration is to be, or is expected to be; received; and
- (2) shall furnish to the Water Services Regulation Authority in writing such further information regarding the proposed disposal which the Water Services Regulation Authority may reasonably request; and
- (3) ensure that the terms on which the proposed disposal is made are in accordance with any terms which may have been specified by the Water Services Regulation Authority, either in relation to disposals of protected land to Associated Companies generally or in relation to the

particular proposed disposal, being such terms as the Water Services Regulation Authority considers appropriate to secure that the Appointee receives such share of any value to be derived or expected to be derived by the Associated Company from the land in question as the Water Services Regulation Authority considers appropriate, having regard to the duty imposed on the Water Services Regulation Authority under section 2(3)(c) of the Water Industry Act 1991.

- 6.4 In any case where the full confirmation required by (f) of sub-paragraph 4.3(1) cannot properly be given, the Appointee shall not enter into a relevant obligation unless the prior written consent of the Water Services Regulation Authority to the proposed disposal has been obtained, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

7 Disclosure of Information to Valuers

The Appointee shall disclose to the Valuer appointed for the purpose of any provision of this Condition all Information which, in the reasonable opinion of the Appointee, has or is likely to have a material bearing on the Valuer's certificate to be given under that provision and such other Information as the Valuer may reasonably require to enable him to give his certificate.”

3. After Condition M there is inserted:

“Condition M1: Information Remedies

1. For the purposes of this Condition:

“**Bioresources**” means – activities connected with the transport, treatment and disposal of sludge produced by sewage disposal works.

“**Demand Management**” means activities connected with the promotion of the efficient use of water and the reduction of demand for water.

“**Direction**” includes any material revision thereof.

“**Leakage Services**” means activities connected with the discovery and repair of unplanned or unintended leaks of water from pipes.

2. Subject to paragraphs 3 to 6 below, the Water Services Regulation Authority may make a Direction to the Appointee –

(a) to provide specified Information about the Appointed Business –

(i) to the Water Services Regulation Authority;

(ii) to such person or class of persons as the Water Services Regulation Authority may specify in the Direction; or

(b) to publish specified Information about the Appointed Business,

and the Appointee shall comply with the Direction and shall permit reasonable re-use of such Information by any recipient.

3. The purpose for which any Direction under paragraph 2 may be given shall be to support the development and operation of a market in one or more of the provision, management and development of water resources, Demand Management, Leakage Services, or, as the case may be, Bioresources, through the promotion of effective competition or monitoring the progress or development of such markets.

4. Any Direction under paragraph 2 may only be given where the Water Services Regulation Authority –
 - (a) considers it to be reasonable and appropriate for the purpose referred to in paragraph 3 above;
 - (b) has consulted with the Appointee; and
 - (c) reasonably considers that the Direction would not –
 - (i) be contrary to the interests of national security; or
 - (ii) seriously and prejudicially affect the interests of any person.
5. The Appointee may within one month of the date of any such Direction require the Water Services Regulation Authority to refer to the Competition and Markets Authority for determination by it the question whether the Direction is reasonable and appropriate for the purpose referred to in paragraph 3.
6. Where the Appointee requires the Water Services Regulation Authority to make a reference to the Competition and Markets Authority under paragraph 5 the Direction which is the subject of that reference shall not apply to the Appointee unless and until the Competition and Markets Authority determines that it shall apply.”