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Dear Ofwat,

South Staffs Water welcomes the opportunity to respond to Ofwat's consultation on "Bioresources and water resources market information consultation". Please find attached our responses to the questions raised.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Saynor,  
Director of Regulation

**Q1: Do you consider that the information we propose requiring companies to publish is helpful and will provide sufficient transparency in the water resources, demand management and leakage services market to support their operation and development?**

We believe the current information list will be sufficient to ensure there is sufficient transparency. We appreciate that for data which are also collected in the WRMP, Ofwat have provided a column for "WRMP19 reference" stating the exact lines to refer to in the WRMP.

**Q2: Is there any additional information which it would be helpful if companies published for water resources (within the remit of Condition M1)?**

We do not have any suggestions for additional information requirement.

**Q3: N/A since water only company**

**Q4: Do you consider that the publication of any of the information that we propose water companies publish would (i) be contrary to the interests of national security or (ii) seriously and prejudicially affect the interest of any person?**

While we do not foresee any particular issues regarding (i) and (ii), we do however recognise that in regards to geographic data and Table 1 (key market information), publication of these data will ultimately be subject to an assurance process by our Certifier of Emergency Planning, to ensure that we are in accordance with Advice Note 11: The Control of Sensitive Water Company Security Information as issued by Defra.

**Q5: Do you have any comments on the proposed timing of the publication and the frequency that the information should be updated for both the bioresources market and water resources market?**

In regards to the timing of the initial publication (January/February 2018), we would like to highlight that the timing of publication of draft WRMP19 (and hence the market information) may be subject to the timing of approval by Defra.