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Dear Sir

CODE FOR ADOPTION AGREEMENTS

This is South West Water's response to Ofwat's consultation document 'Code for Adoption Agreements'. We welcome the opportunity to contribute to the development of new Code for Adoption Agreements.

We appreciate your previous discussions on this matter at the Water UK Infrastructure Policy Group and your proposals have taken on board our feedback. We support the direction of travel towards a more detailed code with requirements to develop and maintain Sector Documents and Model Adoption Agreements. We also value the collaborative nature of the work already undertaken by the sector on Self Lay in this area so far.

We would support the use of Option 4 as it provides the high level framework to work within but with the flexibility of allowing amendment for certain circumstances. We agree with the detail contained within the consultation and would welcome involvement in the further development of this Code.

If you have any questions on our views we will be pleased to provide further information.

Yours faithfully



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