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Dear Sir,

South Staffs Water response to consultation on new connection charging

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation. Our responses to the specific questions are attached. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Saynor,
Director of Regulation
South Staffordshire Water PLC

Q1 Do you agree that our Option 3 on the treatment of the income offset/asset payments, has merit? If not, please explain your reasoning and provide relevant evidence. If so, how and when should this change be brought about?

We agree that option 3 is a sensible approach. Delaying the implementation date to April 2020 is unlikely to cause significant detriment to competition compared to implementing it from April 2018 (Option 2a) whilst at the same time avoiding any impact on customer bills. It will also allow developers time to get familiar with the rest of the new charging rules.

Q2 Do you agree with our draft impact assessment? Can you provide quantitative figures in terms of the potential benefits or costs? Is there anything we have missed?

We have not identified anything missing from the draft impact assessment.

Q3 Do you have any comments on the drafting of the possible future changes to our rules (set out in Appendices A3 and A4)?

We agree with the revised charging rules and have no further comments.

Q4 Do you have any comments on our proposed licence modification to Condition C (Infrastructure Charges) for English water companies other than NAVs (including the proposed wording set out in Appendix A7)?

We agree with the proposed changes to licence condition C and the proposed wording set out in Appendix A7.