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Regent Water response to Ofwat Proposal to revise the application process for Water Supply and Sewerage Licences limited to self-supply.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Ofwat, the Water Services Regulation Authority, responsible for economic regulation of the privatized water and sewerage industry in England and Wales issued a consultation **to revise the application process for Water Supply and Sewerage Licences limited to self-supply** on the 2nd of March 2018.

Regent Water welcomes the opportunity to respond to this consultation. We have based our comments on our experience as a supplier of water to commercial enterprises of all sizes. Formed in 2015 Regent Water, part of Regent Utilities, is a privately owned British business supplying waster to small, medium sized and large corporate businesses, throughout England and Scotland.

As much as possible, Regent Water would like to express the wish of not having our comments and/or suggestions publically shared, as we would like to keep them confidential.

If you would like to discuss any areas of our response, please feel free to contact me on

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Yours sincerely,

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Proposed changes to the application process for Water Supply and Sewerage Licences limited to self-supply.

Standard WSSL application	Self supply WSSL application
Same information asked for any kind of licensees	Specific information for self supply WSSL
No requirement for a self-supply applicant to submit a certificate of adequacy	Requirement for a self-supply applicant to submit a certificate of adequacy
A self-supply applicant must submit a list of associated persons and/or sites that it intends to supply if a self-supply licence is granted.	A self-supply applicant must produce, and keep up to date, a list of associated persons and publish the most up to date list on its website.
Application fees : £5250 Regardless of the type of WSSL or the number of authorisations requested in relation to those WSSL(s)	Application fees : £3000 Regardless of the type of WSSL [...] limited to self-supply requested in a single application form.
Additional information to be provided after the submission of the original application	All information provide at the same time
No licence fees for self-supply licensees	No licence fees for self-supply licensees
Limited information about self-supply.	All specific information about self supply WSSL are asked for

Regent Water welcomes the initiative of having a separate application process for self-supplied WSSL; this is recognition of the specificities of the self-supplied WSSL.

By requesting all the necessary information in one place and at one time, the process will be quicker and will prevent any delay or mistakes caused by back and forth.

The new document is well organized, with very clear steps to follow. Thanks to this new form, the uncertainties should be lowered.

Regent Water noticed that there is a lot of information to fill in. This new process is much more detailed than the previous one, especially the financial and technical competency parts. We wonder if the level of details will be also updated for the standard application.

Regent Water welcomes the adjustment on the application fees. This is a good decision as the self-supply licensees do not require the same attention and services as the other types of WSSL. 43% seems to be a big drop, but statistics are predicting an increase in the number of applicants for the self-supplied WSSL. Nevertheless, Regent would like to know the rationale behind the new calculated application fees.