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Dear Aileen

I am writing in connection with your letter dated 19 September, consulting on the proposal to modify all undertakers' licences by way of simplification. I am pleased to see the result of some excellent collaborative work by representatives of Ofwat (and would single out in particular Chris Pepper, Stephen St Pier and Simon Smith) and representatives of a number of water companies. Accordingly, please accept this email on behalf of Anglian Water Services Limited as consent for the purposes of section 13(1) of the 1991 Act.

There is, however, one point that I would like to make strongly. The glaring omission in these modifications is the removal of conditions J and L of companies' licences. We can think of no rational explanation of why the regulator would seek to retain two conditions that have not been operative in practice for decades and are never likely to be so in future. We would strongly urge Ofwat at its earliest convenience to propose their removal, which is something I understand to be one of the first (and most uncontentious) resolutions of the working group.

Kind regards

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