

WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991: SECTION 17A

WATER SUPPLY LICENCE

Granted on 18 December 2018

Coming into force on 19 December 2018

The Water Services Regulation Authority, in exercise of its powers under section 17A of the Water Industry Act 1991¹, in accordance with a general authorisation given by the Secretary of State, hereby grants a water supply licence to British Telecommunications PLC, registered company number (01800000) ("the Licensee") of 81 Newgate Street, London, EC1A 7AJ.

Interpretation

1. – (1) In this licence unless the context otherwise requires -

"the Act" means the Water Industry Act 1991;

"qualifying water supply licensee" has the same meaning as in section 23 (meaning and effect of special administration order);

"relevant introduction" means an introduction of water by the Licensee which is permitted under section 66B (introduction of water into water undertaker's supply system) or 66C (wholesale water supply by secondary water undertaker) and which is designated as a strategic supply under section 66G (designation of strategic supply) or introductions of water by the Licensee which are so permitted and which are designated as a collective strategic supply under section 66H (designation of collective strategic supply);

"Special Condition(s)" means the special condition(s) set out in Schedule 2; and

"Standard Conditions" means the Standard Conditions of Water Supply and Sewerage Licences determined by the Secretary of State under sections 17H(1) and 17HA(1) of the Act², as amended from time to time.

(2) Any words or expressions used in the Act or the Water Act 2014 shall, unless the contrary intention appears, have the same meaning when used in this licence.

(3) Words and expressions used in this licence and references in and to this licence shall be construed as if they were an Act of Parliament and the Interpretation Act 1978 applied to them.

(4) Any reference, express or implied, to any enactment includes:

(a) that enactment as amended, supplemented, applied or replaced by or under any other enactment from time to time;

(b) any enactment which that enactment re-enacts (with or without modification); and

(c) any subordinate legislation made from time to time under that enactment, including, where applicable, that enactment as amended, supplemented, applied or replaced as described in sub-paragraph (a) above or under any enactment which it re-enacts as described in sub-paragraph (b) above.

¹ 1991 (c.56). Section 17A was inserted into the Water Industry Act 1991 by section 4(1) of the Water Act 2014 (c.21).

² A copy may be obtained from www.gov.uk/defra or www.ofwat.gov.uk

(5) Any reference to any provision of the Standard Conditions is a reference to that provision as amended from time to time.

(6) Unless the contrary intention appears, any reference to a section, Chapter or Part is a reference to a section, Chapter or Part of the Act.

Authorisation(s)

2. This licence gives the Licensee the authorisations listed in Schedule 1.

Application of the Standard Conditions

4. This licence is subject to the Standard Conditions.

Application of the Special Condition(s)

3. The licence is subject to the Special Conditions (if any).

Duration of licence

5. - (1) This licence comes into force on 19 December 2018.

(2) This licence continues in force unless revoked in accordance with the Standard Conditions (which set out the conditions of revocation), or terminated by not less than 25 years' notice served by the Secretary of State on the Licensee.

(3) At any time after the service of a notice under sub-paragraph (2) and before the end of the 25 year period mentioned in that sub-paragraph, the Secretary of State may by further notice served on the Licensee vary or withdraw the notice under sub-paragraph (2).

(4) A notice of variation under sub-paragraph (2) may not provide for termination to take place earlier than 25 years after the date first specified in the notice in sub-paragraph (2).

(5) Subject to sub-paragraph (6), this licence shall not be terminated by virtue of a notice under sub-paragraph (2) while the Licensee is a qualifying water licensee.

(6) Sub-paragraphs (7) and (8) apply where the Secretary of State is satisfied that arrangements have been made to ensure that activities relating to any relevant removal will be properly carried on after this licence is terminated.

(7) Where this sub-paragraph applies and the date of termination specified in the notice under sub-paragraph (2) has not passed, sub-paragraph (5) shall cease to apply.

(8) Where this sub-paragraph applies and the date of termination specified in the notice under sub-paragraph (2) has passed, this licence shall terminate immediately.

Signed for and on behalf of the Water Services Regulation Authority



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**Schedule 1
Authorisations given by this Licence**

Water Supply Licence

This water supply licence gives the holder the following authorisation(s) as described in Schedule 2A to the Act³:

a retail authorisation.

³ Schedule 2A was inserted by section 4(2) of, and Schedule 3 to, the Water Act 2014.

Schedule 2

Special Condition(s) to this Licence

Self-supply Restriction

The Licensee shall not use the supply system of a water undertaker for the purpose of supplying water to the premises of any person other than:

- (a) the Licensee; and
- (b) persons associated with the Licensee and the reference to 'persons associated with the Licensee shall be interpreted in accordance with Schedule 2A to the Act.