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Dear Sirs,

Covid-19 and the business retail market – Consultation on next steps

Thank you for providing such a comprehensive set of options for our consideration regarding the next steps for the business retail market in relation to Covid-19 liquidity and debt.

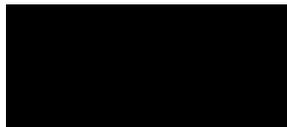
We were pleased to see that the necessary urgent arrangements to secure liquidity and protect the market were able to be agreed and implemented at pace which is credit to all the stakeholders involved. Thankfully the liquidity situation to-date appears to be under control and less severe than anticipated.

Regarding the above consultation, having engaged actively with Water UK and our wholesale sector colleagues in developing a response reflecting our combined views in respect of the next steps to see a return to normal business arrangements, I would like to confirm we are party to and fully support the content of the Water UK response to the consultation (attached to the email alongside this letter).

Regarding the Questions posed by the Panel in Appendix 1 of the consultation, please find attached our responses to the questions posed to wholesalers.

Should you have any queries regarding this response please contact in the first instance the sender of the email to which this letter is appended.

Yours Sincerely



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