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By email

12 April 2018

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 - Request For Information

Reference: FOI 20180331

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information concerning

Ofwat confirms it does hold the information and a copy of the report is attached. Some of the information contained within the report has been redacted as Ofwat considers that some of the information is exempt from disclosure. The exemptions that apply are as follows:

S43 – Commercial interests

Ofwat has considered the position of the commercial interests of the information contained within this report. Ofwat considers certain information remains commercially sensitive and has been redacted.

Public Interest Test

This exemption is a qualified exemption and is subject to a public interest test. There is a clear public interest in disclosing information that helps the public to understand to understand the way water companies and Ofwat operate. Ofwat believes that the disclosure of commercial information relating to certain parties could lead to reputational damage for both parties and also have a market impact effect on some parties contained within the report.

We therefore deem this exemption engaged.

Section 44 Prohibitions on disclosure –

Section 206 of the Water Industry Act 1991 (“WIA91”) prohibits the disclosure, without consent, of information with respect to any particular business that has been

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Yours sincerely,

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