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By email

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Dear Louise,

Strategic regional water resource solution: gate two final decision for United Utilities

I am writing to inform you that we have published the final decisions in respect of the following strategic regional water resource solutions:

- North West Transfer (NWT)
- River Severn to River Thames Transfer (STT)

The solution owners and other interested parties had the opportunity to respond to the draft decisions during the representation period, which followed the publication of the decisions on 30 March 2023. We have taken all relevant representations into account in making our final decisions.

Final decision summary in respect of United Utilities-sponsored solution(s)

Recommendation item	North West Transfer	River Severn to River Thames Transfer
Solution owners	United Utilities	United Utilities Severn Trent Thames Water
Should further funding be allowed for the solution to progress to gate three?	Yes, subject to any decisions taken at a Conditional Review Point.	Yes, subject to any decisions taken at a Conditional Review Point.
Is there evidence all expenditure is efficient and should be allowed?	Yes	Yes

Recommendation item	North West Transfer	River Severn to River Thames Transfer
Delivery incentive penalty?	No	No
Is there any change to partner arrangements?	No	Yes
Are there priority actions for urgent completion?	Yes	Yes

The RAPID partner regulators would like to thank United Utilities for submission timeliness, collaborative approach and positive engagement which has helped drive the quality and speed of progression of this solution.

Both this letter and the enclosed final decision documents were published on our website on 28 June 2023.

Should you have any questions about the final decision, please e-mail rapid@ofwat.gov.uk and someone from the team will be in touch.

Once again, Ofwat would like to thank United Utilities for the work that it has carried out over the gate two period.

Yours sincerely

David Black
Chief Executive Officer

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