

# **Notification that Castle Water Limited has applied for a Wholesale Authorisation to be added to its Water Supply Licence and Sewerage Licence**

## About this document

Castle Water Limited (“**Castle Water**”), a registered company with company number **SC475583**, whose contact address is at 1 Boat Brae, Rattray, Blairgowrie, Scotland, PH10 7BH, has applied for a wholesale authorisation to be added to its [water supply licence and sewerage licence](#) (“**WSSL**”), which was granted on 30 September 2016.

This document provides notice of the application.

## 1. The application

On 13 June 2023, Castle Water applied for a wholesale authorisation to be added to its existing water supply licence and sewerage licence.

If granted, this will enable Castle Water to introduce water into the public water networks of water undertakers whose areas are wholly or mainly in England in order to supply the licensee's own customers if their non-household premises consume at least 5 megalitres of water a year.

Castle Water has not applied for a Supplementary authorisation which authorises the holder to introduce water into the public water networks of water undertakers whose areas are wholly or mainly in Wales.

### Synopsis of the business plan

Castle Water requires this Licence variation in order to progress a pilot project (The Didcot Project). The Didcot project was awarded funding in the first round of the Ofwat Innovation Fund. This is a joint project between Bristol Water, RWE, Binnies and Castle Water to understand the feasibility of taking water abstracted from the Thames, treating it to DWI standard and inputting into the Thames Water Utilities Limited ("**Thames Water**") network. The project is being used as a feasibility study into whether smaller package schemes serving local customers would benefit the market. This project would allow Castle Water to supply treated water to Castle Water customers in the Thames Water area. Castle Water can only progress a Combined Supply application with Thames Water if it has already obtained a Wholesale Authorisation.

The high-level details of the Didcot project are as follows. RWE own an abstraction right on the Thames for use at the Didcot power plant water cooling towers. The abstraction rights of up to 20ML/day were changed to be multi-purpose to allow us to use this water. The water will be piped to a bespoke water treatment plant, designed by Binnies to reach DWI standard bearing in mind the specific requirements for the Thames area. Bristol Water will operate the Water Treatment Works. The water will then enter the Thames Water network via a Thames Water main located close by and Castle Water will use this to serve its 5ML+/annum customers.

## How to respond

Any person who wishes to make representations or objections with respect to the application should do so in writing (which includes by email) to Ofwat at Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham, B5 4UA or by completing the webform.

Representations must be received by Ofwat no later than 17.00 hours on 15 September 2023. Further information about how to make representations or objections, including information on the treatment of confidential information, can be obtained from Ofwat at the above address or at <http://www.ofwat.gov.uk/foi/>.

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