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Dear Consultee

Consultation on code appeals for the water supply and sewerage licensing regime

I am writing to invite views on the introduction of regulations to allow appeals to the Competition and Markets Authority against Ofwat decisions to amend statutory codes that will regulate agreements between incumbent water companies and water supply and sewerage licensees in the retail market opening in April 2017.

The following documents may be found on Defra's website:
https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water/wssl_code_appeals.

- Consultation document – Water appeal codes: consultation on code appeals for the WSSL regime
- Draft Regulations
- Impact assessment

Responses

We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a hard copy of this consultation please contact the Water Services Team at the above address or email us on wssl.consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

Responses should be received by 13 December 2016.

Consultation Criteria

This consultation is in line with the Consultations Principles. This can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>

Summary of responses and confidentiality

Any responses you send us will be seen in full by Defra staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about. It may also be seen by other Defra staff to help them plan future consultations.



When this consultation ends, we will summarise all responses and place a summary online at www.gov.uk. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details. If you require a hard copy of the summary, or have any other enquiries, please contact us on wssl.consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk or at the above address.

We will store a copy of the responses received for at least six months from the date the consultation responses document has been published. This is so that the public can see them and copies of responses will be made available to the public on request. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation.

If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation.

Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won't count as a confidentiality request.

Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to: Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, Room 629, 9 Millbank, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR; or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk or write to:

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Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us at the above email address, etc.

Yours faithfully

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