



Water Services Regulation Authority

Water Industry Act 1991 Section 8(3)

Proposal by the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat) to vary the Appointments of Independent Water Networks Limited and Anglian Water Services Limited.

The site

Independent Water Networks Limited (IWNL) has applied to be the water and sewerage services undertaker for a development of new houses and non-domestic units at Priors Hall, Corby, Northamptonshire (the Site). The Site is at present within the Water Supply Area and the Sewerage Services Area of Anglian Water Services Limited (Anglian Water).

The proposal

Ofwat proposes to:

- (i) vary the Appointment of IWNL as a water and sewerage undertaker by adding the site to its Water Supply Area and its Sewerage Services Area.
- (ii) vary the Appointment of Anglian Water as a water and sewerage undertaker by excluding the Site from its Water Supply Area and its Sewerage Services Area.

Explanation

This proposal is possible because the Site does not currently receive a supply of water and is not currently drained by means of a relevant sewer or drain (and is therefore not at present served by Anglian Water). IWNL will purchase water and sewerage services for its customers from Anglian Water.

Ofwat considers that this proposal, if implemented, will increase competition between persons engaged in, or in commercial activities connected with, the provision of water and sewerage services. The developer of the Site has also said that it wants IWNL to be the water and sewerage undertaker for the Site.

IWNL proposes to offer its customers a water volumetric rate 5% lower than Anglian Water's. IWNL will match Anglian Water's other charges for water and sewerage services. IWNL will be subject to the same requirements as other water and sewerage undertakers regarding levels of customer service.

Where to send submissions

Any representations about, or objections to, this proposal should be sent in writing to James Gilchrist, Competition Policy Manager, Ofwat, Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham, B5 4UA so as to be received no later than 23 November 2007. Submissions can also be emailed to:

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