



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 (IWN) has applied to be the water undertaker for a development of new houses at Great Billing Way, Northampton (the Site). The Site is at present within the Water Supply Area of Anglian Water Services Limited (Anglian Water).

The proposal

Ofwat proposes to:

- (i) vary the Appointment of IWN as a water undertaker by adding the Site to its Water Supply Area; and
- (ii) vary the Appointment of Anglian Water as a water undertaker by excluding the Site from its Water Supply Area.

Explanation

This proposal is possible because the Site does not currently receive a supply of water (and is therefore not at present served by Anglian Water). IWN will purchase water 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. The developer of the Site has also said that it wants IWN to be the water undertaker for the Site.

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

Where to send submissions

Any representations about, or objections to, this proposal should be sent in writing to Richard Field, Competition Policy Analyst, Ofwat, Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham, B5 4UA so as to be received no later than 1 July 2008. Submissions can also be emailed to:

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