

Gate three query process

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Query

RAPID gate three guidance Section 2.2.1 provides that evidence of where multiple users (public water supply or third party) form part of the utilisation of the solution, the preferred prioritisation rules with clear justification for how these have been developed is required, as well as an indication that users and prioritisation agreements have been considered in the solution's commercial model (the detail of which may be presented in section 7) and a strategy and indicative timetable for delivering the necessary agreements.

We note this information sits within your Stage 2 submission, however we have been unable to find this. Please could you point us to where the prioritisation rules, users and prioritisation agreements in the commercial model, and indicative timetable in the submission can be found?

Please can you also confirm that since the Stage 2 submission there have been no material change to the rules, rationale, how they will be reflected in commercial agreements and the timescales for this. If there have been any changes, please clearly set these out in your response.

Solution owner response

- SESRO is jointly sponsored by Thames Water, Southern Water and Affinity Water. Tab 2.3 of our Gate 3 report ([Gate 3 Submission for South East Strategic Reservoir Option](#)) shows a summary of resource sharing for

SESRO (Based on Thames Water Final WRMP24, Dry Year Annual Average resource share, reported pathway 4). The prioritisation rules are still being developed as part of technical and commercial workstreams supporting the Bulk Supply Agreements. We are currently engaging with RAPID as part of the development of the Multi-Party Operating Protocol definitions and purpose, to enable SESRO to serve as a template for other multi-party SROs.

- Please see Chapter 6 and specifically section 6.4.1 of the Stage 2 submission for information concerning an overview of the approach to prioritisation rules, users and prioritisation agreements in the commercial model.
- We can confirm that, since Gate 2, there have been no material change to the rules, rationale, how they will be reflected in commercial agreements and the timescales for this.

Date of response to RAPID	10/10/2025
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