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Publication of Thames Water's Water Resources Management Plan 2024 in accordance with section 37B(8) of the Water Industry Act 1991

Dear Sir,

We refer to the requirement of:

1. Section 37B(8)(b) of the Water Industry Act 1991 (the **Act**) to publish a statement with our Water Resources Management Plan (**WRMP**) to state whether any information has been excluded from the published plan and the general nature of such information.
2. Section 37B(10)(b) of the Act which provides that the Secretary of State can direct Thames Water to exclude any information from the published WRMP on the grounds that it appears to him that its publication would be contrary to the interests of national security.

Commercially Sensitive Information

Thames Water's WRMP24 includes some commercially sensitive information which will be redacted from the published WRMP24 documents. Redactions of commercially sensitive information are detailed in the Appendix to this letter.

National Security

Water companies have a duty to publish WRMPs but the plans may contain information that could be considered sensitive on grounds of national security.

Our Engineering and Asset team was briefed on national security guidance and the relevant security restrictions prior to commencing the programme of work to produce Thames Water's Water Resources Management Plan 2024. Our WRMP24 has been written in accordance with the Defra Guidance to Water Companies on the release of security sensitive information which sets out the relevant requirements.

Thames Water's Business Resilience and Security team has conducted a formal review of the WRMP24 documentation and confirmed that it does not contain any information that would compromise national security interests.

[Additional 'viewing' of sensitive information](#)

In the event that regulators or other stakeholders request to see detailed supporting information relating to the WRMP, particularly that contained within our Strategic Environmental Assessment and Option Engineering Dossiers, we will carefully control this through the use of organisational and/or individual confidentiality undertakings. We also plan to host arrangements at our offices for stakeholders to access and read the information as required. This will be carried out in line with the general principles previously agreed by CPNI (Thames Water's Sensitive Security & Resilience Information Disclosure Process).

Yours faithfully,



Justin Lambourne
Director of Operational Contracts & Logistics
Signing off on security on behalf of Thames Water Utilities Limited



Paul Smith
Head of Commercial Assurance
Signing off on commercial confidentiality on behalf of Thames Water Utilities Limited

Appendix – Redactions of confidential and commercially sensitive information

We are publishing our Water Resources Management Plan in accordance with sections 37A to 37D of the Water Industry Act 1991. Please note that we are submitting an un-redacted version which is intended solely for Defra and we will publish a redacted version on our website. The information that has been redacted contains confidential and commercially sensitive information and includes:

RWE Didcot Licence Trade

We are bound by confidentiality undertakings with RWE Generation UK PLC on our water abstraction trade agreement and will therefore not be disclosing commercially sensitive information on the costs for this scheme.

River Severn to River Thames Transfer (STT) - Redactions removed

A previous redaction to the draft WRMP required by United Utilities' and Severn Trent Water's approach to water trading, after agreement with these two water companies, is no longer required.

Note that the information now provided on water trading are indicative prices and at this stage are non-binding, for planning purposes only and liable to change.