

Date: 1 June 2012 Our Ref: 120601 SLC B2 Your Ref:

Jeremy Hobbis Director and General Manager Severn Trent Select Limited 2308 Coventry Road Birmingham B26 3JZ

Dear Jeremy

## Standard Licence Condition B2 - consent to early exit charges

The purpose of this letter is to provide consent, in terms of paragraph (2) of Standard Licence Condition B2, to the imposition of charges which would otherwise amount to a penalty under that provision. Expressions used in this letter have the same meaning as in the Standard Licence Conditions.

Notwithstanding Standard Licence Condition B2(2) the Commission consents to Licensed Providers recovering sums in addition to the permitted termination charges in the following circumstances:

- 1. the customer has entered a fixed term contract with the Licensed Provider under which early termination is permitted by giving 20 business days notice;
- 2. the customer has benefited from a discount to the licensed provider's standard charges in consideration for agreeing to the fixed term; and
- 3. the customer has terminated the contract prior to the expiry of the fixed term.

In such circumstances, the Licensed Provider shall be entitled to levy a charge equal to the discount received by the customer from the commencement of the contract to the date of termination.

The above consent shall remain in effect unless and until varied or revoked by the Commission.

Water Industry Commission for Scotland First Floor Moray House Forthside Way Stirling FK8 1QZ

Chairman Professor Gordon Hughes

Telephone 01786 430 200 Email enquiries@watercommission.co.uk Web www.watercommission.co.uk



I will also publish this letter on the Commission's website.

Yours sincerely,

David Walters Analyst