Water Plus Select Limited (formerly Severn Trent Select Limited) Annual Performance Report For the 10 months to 31 March 2017

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¹ Due to Water Plus Select Limited being only a non-household water retailer only tables from this section relating to non-household retail have been completed.

Introduction

Water Plus is a joint venture between United Utilities Plc and Severn Trent Plc, which was established on 1 June 2016 to provide retail services to non-household customers throughout England and Scotland.

From 1 June 2016 to 31 March 2017, Water Plus Select Limited (formerly Severn Trent Select Limited) (the Company), carried out the non-household retail activity for those customers served under the Instrument of Appointment of Severn Trent Water Limited (STW) as its agent. The Company has therefore prepared annual performance information in accordance with Licence Condition F of STW's Instrument of Appointment for these customers for this period. Information for these customers, along with information relating to the other price control units for the year (household retail, wholesale water and wholesale waste-water) can be found in the Severn Trent Water Annual Performance Review 2017, published on their website, www.severntrent.co.uk.

For more information about the Water Plus joint venture see the Strategic Report located on pages 2-4 of the Water Plus Group Limited financial statements, available from our head office¹.

¹ Water Plus Group Limited, Two Smithfield, Hanley, Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire, ST1 4FD.

Reporting our performance

To provide our customers with transparency on our financial and operational performance we present this annual performance report ('APR') which provides specific information on the income raised and costs incurred on the customers we served in the period (being 1 June 2016 to 31 March 2017) as agent of STW under its Instrument of Appointment. This is a supplemental statement to the STW APR (published on their website - www.severntrent.co.uk) and should be read as such. Consequently, we do not present the statements required of the directors of the appointee relating to directors' remuneration or tax strategy, all of which are made by the directors of STW.

In addition, Water Plus Select Limited has published its Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017, which are available from our head office (see footnote on page 2 for the address). Where disclosures in the Financial Statements fulfil requirements for the APR we have provided a cross reference in this document rather than duplicating the information.

A full APR would consist of four sections. We have only prepared sections pertaining to the non-household retail price control as we are solely a water retailer to non-household customers. These are:

1 Regulatory financial reporting

Our primary statements as reported on a statutory basis reconciled to the performance and financial position of our appointed business only.

2 Price review and additional segmental reporting

Further disaggregation of revenue and costs, to allow stakeholders to review the Company's performance against the appointee's final determination.

The remaining sections relate solely to the activities still carried out by STW.

Disclosure required by RAG 3

In addition to the disclosures that are set out in the tables in Sections 1 and 2, RAG 3 sets out requirements for narrative disclosures in the Annual Performance Report. The statements set out below address those requirements in so far as they are relevant to Water Plus Select Limited. These disclosures should be read in conjunction with those of STW.

Long-term viability statement

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company will have available to it sufficient financial resources and facilities to enable it to carry out, for at least the next 12 months, all the appointed activities it carries out as agent of STW.

In making this statement the Directors have considered a period of 5 years, which is the period covered by the Company's detailed business plan and is consistent as a time-period with that used by Ofwat in determining regulated price controls.

The principal risks considered by the directors are those discussed in the Strategic Report of the Company on pages 2-4 of the Financial Statements.

Dividend policy

The Company's dividend policy is to declare dividends at a level deemed appropriate bearing in mind future investment requirements of the Company per its business plan. Since acquisition by Water Plus Group, the Company has neither declared nor paid any dividends.

Disclosure of information to auditor

In the case of each of the persons who are directors of the Company at the date when this report was approved so far as each of the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and each of the directors has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the Annual Performance Report and for their fair presentation in accordance with the basis of preparation and accounting policies.

As agent of STW, the Company has prepared financial statements which comply with the requirements of Condition F of the Instrument of Appointment of STW and Regulatory Accounting Guidelines issued by the Water Services Regulation Authority. This additionally requires the directors to:

- a) Confirm that, in their opinion, the Company has sufficient financial and management resources for the next twelve months;
- b) Confirm that, in their opinion, the Company has sufficient rights and assets which would enable a special administrator to manage the affairs, business and property of the Company;
- c) Report to the Water Services Regulation Authority changes in the Company's activities which may be material in relation to the Company's ability to finance its regulated activities;
- d) Undertake transactions entered into by the appointed business, with or for the benefit of associated companies or other businesses or activities of the appointed business, at arm's length; and
- e) Keep proper accounting records which comply with Condition F.

Disclosure required by RAG 3 (continued)

Diversification and the protection of the core business

The ring fencing provisions in the appointee company's licence (Condition F6a) require it to make certain statements in relation to its ability to continue to carry out its regulated activities for at least a year after the date of the report. To assist the appointee in making this disclosure, a statement to this effect is set out below.

Water Plus Select Limited hereby advises:

- a) That in the opinion of the directors, the Company will have available to it sufficient financial resources and facilities to enable it to carry out, for at least the next 12 months, the Regulated Activity (including the investment programme necessary to fulfil the Appointee's obligations under the Appointment); and
- b) That in the opinion of the directors, the Company will for at least the next 12 months, have available to it management resources which are sufficient to enable it to carry out those functions.

Ring Fencing

Paragraph 3.1 of Condition K requires that, at all times, to ensure that if a special administrator were appointed to manage the regulated activities, that administrator would have sufficient control over the regulated business and assets to be able to do so. In addition to the statement set out above under Condition F6a, the Company is required to confirm that it is in compliance with Condition K3.1. This statement is set out below.

In accordance with the requirements of the Water Services Regulation Authority, the board confirmed that, as at 31 March 2017, it had available to it sufficient rights and assets, not including financial resources, which would enable a special administrator to manage the affairs, business and property of the Company in order that the purposes of a special administration order could be achieved if such an order were made.

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

Stuart Howell Chief Financial Officer 3 July 2017

Independent Auditors' report to the Water Services Regulation Authority (the WSRA) and the Directors of Water Plus Select Limited

Opinion on Annual Performance Report

In our opinion, Water Plus Select Limited's Regulatory Accounting Statements within the Annual Performance Report:

- have been properly prepared in accordance with Condition F, the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines issued by the WSRA (RAG 1.07, RAG 2.06, RAG 3.09, RAG 4.06 and RAG 5.06) and the accounting policies (including the Company's published accounting methodology statement(s), as defined in RAG 3.09, appendix 3), set out on pages 15-17.

Emphasis of matter - basis of preparation

Without modifying our opinion on the Regulatory Accounting Statements within the Annual Performance Report, we draw attention to the fact that the Annual Performance Report has been prepared in accordance with Condition F, the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines, the accounting policies (including the Company's published accounting methodology statement(s), as defined in RAG 3.09, appendix 3) set out in the statement of accounting policies and under the historical cost convention. The nature, form and content of the Regulatory Accounts statements are determined by the WSRA. It is not appropriate for us to assess whether the nature of the information being reported upon is suitable or appropriate for the WSRA's purposes. Accordingly we make no such assessment.

The Annual Performance Report is separate from the statutory financial statements of the Company and has not been prepared under the basis of United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("UK GAAP"). Financial information other than that prepared on the basis of UK GAAP does not necessarily represent a true and fair view of the financial performance or financial position of a Company as shown in statutory financial statements prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. The Regulatory Accounting Statements on pages 10 to 13 have been drawn up in accordance with Regulatory Accounting Guidelines with a number of departures from UK GAAP. A summary of the effect of these departures from Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in the Company's statutory financial statements is included in the tables within section 1.

What we have audited

The tables within Water Plus Select Limited's Annual Performance Report that we have audited ("the Regulatory Accounting Statements") comprise:

- the regulatory financial reporting tables comprising the income statement (table 1A), the statement
 of comprehensive income (table 1B), the statement of financial position (table 1C), the statement of
 cash flows (table 1D) and the net debt analysis (table 1E) and the related notes; and
- the regulatory price review and other segmental reporting tables comprising the segmental income statement (table 2A), the operating cost analysis for retail (table 2C), the non-household water revenues by customer type (table 2G), the non-household wastewater revenues by customer type (table 2H) and the revenue analysis by customer type (table 2I) and the related notes.

Independent Auditors' report to the Water Services Regulation Authority (the WSRA) and the Directors of Water Plus Select Limited (continued)

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation comprises Condition F, the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines issued by the WSRA and the accounting policies (including the Company's published accounting methodology statement(s), as defined in RAG 3.09, appendix 3) set out in the notes to the Annual Performance Report.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

This report is made, on terms that have been agreed, solely to the Company and the WSRA in order to meet the requirements of Condition F of the Instrument of Appointment granted by the Secretary of State for the Environment to Severn Trent Water Limited a water and sewage undertaker under the Water Industry Act 1991 ("Condition F"). Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company and the WSRA those matters that we have agreed to state to them in our report, in order (a) to assist the Company to meet its obligation under Condition F to procure such a report and (b) to facilitate the carrying out by the WSRA of its regulatory functions, and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the WSRA, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the WSRA, the Directors and Auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 5, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the Annual Performance Report in accordance with Condition F, the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines issued by the WSRA and the Company's accounting policies (including the Company's published accounting methodology statement(s), as defined in RAG 3.09, appendix 3).

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the Regulatory Accounting Statements within the Annual Performance Report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"), except as stated in the section on 'What an audit of the Annual Performance report involves' below, and having regard to the guidance contained in ICAEW Technical Release Tech 02/16 AAF 'Reporting to Regulators on Regulatory Accounts' issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

What an audit of the Annual Performance Report involves

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Regulatory Accounting Statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the Regulatory Accounting Statements within the Annual Performance Report are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the Annual Performance Report. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Financial Statements to identify material inconsistencies with the audited tables within the Annual Performance Report and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Independent Auditors' report to the Water Services Regulation Authority (the WSRA) and the Directors of Water Plus Select Limited (continued)

We have not assessed whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the Company where these are laid down by Condition F. Where Condition F does not give specific guidance on the accounting policies to be followed, our audit includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies adopted in respect of the transactions and balances required to be included in the Annual Performance Report are consistent with those used in the preparation of the statutory financial statements of the Company. Furthermore, as the nature, form and content of Annual Performance Report is determined by the WSRA, we did not evaluate the overall adequacy of the presentation of the information, which would have been required if we were to express an audit opinion under International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland).

The Company has presented the allocation of operating costs and assets in accordance with the accounting policy for price control segments set out in note 1 and its accounting methodology statement(s) published on the Company's website on 15 July 2017. We are not required to assess whether the methods of cost allocation set out in the Methodology Statement are appropriate to the circumstances of the Company or whether they meet the requirements of the WSRA, which would have been required if we were to express an audit opinion under International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland).

Opinion on other matters prescribed by Condition F

Under the terms of our contract we have assumed responsibility to provide those additional opinions required by Condition F in relation to the accounting records. In our opinion:

- proper accounting records have been kept by the appointee as required by paragraph 3 of Condition F; and
- the Regulatory Accounting Statements are in agreement with the accounting records and returns retained for the purpose of preparing the Annual Performance Report.

Other matters

Our opinion on the Regulatory Accounting Statements within the Annual Performance Report is separate from our opinion on the statutory financial statements of the Company for the period ended 31 March 2017 on which we reported on 14 June 2017, which are prepared for a different purpose. Our audit report in relation to the statutory financial statements of the Company (our "Statutory audit") was made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006.

Our Statutory audit work was undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in a statutory audit report and for no other purpose. In these circumstances, to the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom our Statutory audit report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Carl Williams

Carl William

For and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP, Manchester, United Kingdom 3 July 2017

Section 1 - Regulatory financial reporting

1A - Income statement

For the 10 months to 31 March 2017

	Statutory RA	Differences between statutory and AG definitions¹	Non- appointed	Total adjustments	Total
	£m £m	£m	£m	£m	
Revenue	333.917	(0.512)	8.751	8.239	325.678
Operating costs	(336.023)	0.512	(9.193)	(8,681)	(327.342)
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	=
Operating loss	(2.106)	-	(0.442)	(0.442)	(1.664)
Other income	-		_	-	-
Interest income	0.003	-	-	-	0.003
Interest expense	(1.487)	/ -	(0.041)	(0.041)	(1.446)
Other interest expense	-	-	-	-	-
Loss before tax and fair value movements	(3.590)	-	(0.483)	(0.483)	(3.107)
Fair value gains on financial instruments		-	-	***	_
Loss before tax	(3.590)	-	(0.483)	(0.483)	(3.107)
UK corporation tax	0.655	_	0.096	0.096	0.559
Deferred tax	(0.001)	-	-	-	(0.001)
Loss for the period	(2.936)	-	(0.387)	(0.387)	(2.549)

¹. The difference between the statutory and RAG definition relates to income that does not meet the revenue recognition criteria of IAS 18.

Reconciliation of 12 month published statutory accounts to 10 month statutory numbers in the APR

	Published statutory accounts	Trading activity 1 April to 31 May 2016	Statutory results for the 10 month APR period
	£m	£m	£m
Revenue	335.340	1.423	333.917
Operating costs	(334.728)	1.295	(336.023)
Operating profit	0.612	2.718	(2.106)
Interest income	0.003	-	0.003
Interest expense	(1.487)	-	(1.487)
Profit/(Loss) before tax	(0.872)	2.718	(3.590)
UK corporation tax	0.655	-	0.655
Deferred tax	(0.001)	-	(0.001)
Profit/(Loss) for the period	(0.218)	2.718	(2.936)

For the 2 months prior to acquiring the STW appointed customers Water Plus Select Limited carried out other, non-regulated trade. There were no items of comprehensive income in this period other than profit or loss.

Section 1 - Regulatory financial reporting

1B - Statement of comprehensive income For the 10 months to 31 March 2017

	Statutory R	Differences between statutory and AG definitions	Non- appointed	Total adjustments	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Loss for the period	(2.936)	-	(0.387)	(0.387)	(2.549)
Actuarial gains/(losses) on post-employment plans	-	-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive expense for the period	(2.936)	-	(0.387)	(0.387)	(2.549)

Section 1 - Regulatory financial reporting

1C - Statement of financial position As at 31 March 2017

As at 31 March 2017					
	Statutory	Differences between statutory and RAG definitions	Non- appointed	Total adjustments	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Non-current assets					
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax	0.004	-		-	0.004
Total non-current assets	0.004	-	-	-	0.004
Current assets					
Inventories	-	-	-	-	-
Trade and other receivables	148.132	_	4.290	4.290	143.842
Cash and cash equivalents	9.930	-	-	-	9.930
Total current assets	158.062	-	4.290	4.290	153.772
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	(47.170)	-	(4.676)	(4.676)	(42.494)
Capex creditor	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowings	(110.333)	-	-	-	(110.333)
Financial instruments	-	-	-	-	-
Current tax liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions	-	-	- .	-	-
Total current liabilities	(157.503)	=	(4.676)	(4.676)	(152.827)
Net current assets / (liabilities)	0.559	. #4	(0.386)	(0.386)	0.945
Non-current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-
Financial instruments	-	-	-	-	-
Retirement benefit obligations	•	-	-	_	-
Provisions	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred income - grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total non-current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets	0.563	=	(0.386)	(0.386)	0.949
Equity					
Called up share capital	-	-	-	-	-
Retained earnings and other reserves	0.563	-	(0.386)	(0.386)	0.949
Total equity	0.563		(0.386)	(0.386)	0.949

Section 1 - Regulatory financial reporting

1D - Statement of cash flows

For the 10 months to 31 March 2017

	st	Differences between statutory and RAG definitions	Non- appointed	Total adjustments	Total
	£m		£m	£m	£m
Statement of cash flows					
Operating profit	(2.106)	-	(0.442)	(0.442)	(1.664)
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	_	-	-
Amortisation - grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-
Changes in working capital	(101.915)	-	0.442	0.442	(102.357)
Pension contributions	-	-	-	-	-
Movement in provisions	-	-	-	-	-
Profit on sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	
Cash used in operations	(104.021)	-	-	-	(104.021)
Net interest paid	0.003	-	_	-	0.003
Tax paid	-	-	=	-	-
Net cash used in operating activities	(104.018)	-	-		(104.018)
Investing activities					
Capital expenditure	-	•	. -	-	-
Grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposal of fixed assets	-	_		-	
Net cash used in investing activities	-	_	-	-	-
Net cash used before financing activities	(104.018)	_	-	-	(104,018)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Equity dividends paid	-	-	-	· -	-
Net loans received	110.333	-	-	-	110.333
Cash outflow from equity financing	-	-	<u>-</u>	-	-
Net cash generated from financing activities	110.333	-		-	110.333
Increase in net cash	6.315	-	-	-	6.315

Section 1 - Regulatory financial reporting

1E - Net debt analysis

As at 31 March 2017

		rate risk profile		
	Fixed rate	Floating rate	Index linked	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m / %
Total borrowings	-	(110.333)	-	(110.333)
Cash				9,930
Net debt				(100.403)
Gearing				n/a
Full year equivalent nominal interest cost	-	(2.935)	-	(2.677)
Full year equivalent cash interest payment	-	(2.935)	-	(2.677)
Indicative interest rates				
Indicative weighted average nominal interest rate	-	2.43%	-	2.43%
Indicative weighted average cash interest rate	- .	2.43%	-	2.43%

Section 1 - Regulatory financial reporting

Current tax reconciliation

For the 10 months to 31 March 2017

The Finance Act 2016 was enacted in the current year which implemented a reduction in the corporation tax rate from 20% to 17% with effect from 1 April 2020.

The tax credit for the period ended 31 March 2017 is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The differences are explained below:

	£m
(Loss) on ordinary activities before tax	(3.107)
Tax at the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK 20%	(0.621)
Tax effect of expenditure not deductible in determining taxable loss	0.062
Total tax credit	(0.559)
	£m
Total current tax charge allowed in price limits	£m 1.823
Total current tax charge allowed in price limits Tax at the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK 20%	
	1.823

Section 1 - Regulatory financial reporting

Notes to the Annual Performance Report

For the 10 months to 31 March 2017

1 Regulatory reporting

Differences in recognition and measurement between statutory and regulatory financial accounts

Revenue recognition

In accordance with IAS18.14(a), where it is not deemed probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity, revenue is not recognised. In accordance with RAG3.09 all transactions billed are shown as revenue.

Price control segments

The regulatory accounts have been prepared in accordance with RAG 2.06 'Guideline for classification of costs across the price controls'. Water Plus only operate in the Non-household Retail price control but have adhered to the principles of the guidance for allocation of costs between appointed and other activities.

The tables presented in section 2 of the Annual Performance Report have been prepared in accordance with our Accounting Separation Methodology Statement which can be found at www.water-plus.co.uk The methodology statement explains the bases for allocation of operating and capital expenditure. Wherever possible, direct costs and assets have been directly attributed to price controls. Where this is not possible, appropriate cost allocations have been applied as described in the methodology.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The regulatory financial statements are separate from the statutory financial statements of the Company. They have been prepared on a going concern basis as set out in the Water Plus Select Limited Financial Statements 2017 on page 12.

The regulatory financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Condition F of the Instruments of Appointment of the Water and Sewerage Undertakers and the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines as issued by the WSRA.

Revenue recognition

Revenue represents the fair value of consideration receivable, excluding value added tax and trade discounts in the ordinary course of business for goods and services provided.

Revenue is recognised at the time of service delivery and when collection of the resulting receivable is reasonably assured. When the Company considers that the criteria for revenue recognition are not met by a transaction, revenue recognised is delayed until such time as collectability is reasonably assured. Payments received in advance of the revenue recognition criteria being met are recorded as deferred income.

Revenue includes an estimate of the amount of mains water and waste water charges unbilled at the year end. The accrual is estimated using a defined methodology based upon a measure of unbilled water consumed by tariff, which is calculated from historical billing information.

There is one difference between statutory and RAG revenue recognition policy, which is described above.

Notes to the Annual Performance Report (continued)

Revenue recognition (continued)

Non-appointed income includes the supply of water and sewerage services to customers in Scotland and customers in England and Wales that meet the requirements to choose their own water and sewerage supplier.

Turnover is not recognised in respect of unoccupied properties. Properties are classified as unoccupied when:

- The Company is informed that a customer has left a property and it is not expected to be reoccupied immediately;
- New properties are connected but are not occupied;
- Properties are disconnected following a customer's request; or
- The identity of the customer is unknown.

The following activities are undertaken to ensure properties classified as unoccupied are in fact not occupied:

- Where the Company is informed that the customer has left a property and the property is expected to be
 occupied by someone else, a welcome letter is sent to the property encouraging the occupier to contact
 the Company.
- If there is no response to the welcome letter within two months a void letter is sent to the property explaining that we have classified the property as empty and may schedule the property for disconnection.
- Meter readings are taken for metered unoccupied properties; where consumption is recorded, a letter is sent to the property.
- Inspections are organised throughout the year by geographical area.

Bad debts

Provisions are charged to operating costs to reflect the Company's assessment of the risk of non-recoverability of debtors. Provisions are calculated based on the Company's previous collection experience. The bad debt provisioning rates are updated annually to reflect the latest collection performance data from the Company's billing system.

The Company's bad debt write off policy has remained unchanged and has been consistently applied in the current and the prior years.

Debt can only be written off if it is a legitimate charge against the debtor (if it is considered that part or all of the debt is incorrect or unsubstantiated, then such elements are dealt with through the issue of a credit note) and if one of the following criteria is met:

- The customer does not have any assets or has insufficient assets on which to levy execution;
- The customer is bankrupt or has gone into liquidation and no dividend has been, or is likely to be, received;
- The customer has died without leaving an estate or has left an insufficient estate on which to levy execution and the Company has been unable to prove its case in court; or

Notes to the Annual Performance Report (continued)

Bad debts (continued)

- All available economic options for collection of the debt have been pursued or that debt recovery
 procedures have proved to be ineffective or uneconomic to continue. Uneconomic circumstances are
 those where, following the application of debt recovery procedures:
 - the customer could not be traced without incurring an unreasonable degree of expenditure; or
 - the Company has an insufficiently sound case to justify further expenditure on debt recovery procedures; or
 - the likelihood of recovering the debt is so small in particular circumstances that further expenses on debt recovery cannot be justified.

The above write-off rules apply primarily to customers to whom the Company has ceased to provide a service. Only in exceptional circumstances is debt relating to continuing customers considered for write-off.

Other accounting policies

All other accounting policies applied to the regulatory financial reporting accounts are set out in pages 12 to 13 of the Financial Statements of Water Plus Select Limited, including the capitalisation policy which is outlined within the property, plant and equipment accounting policy note. The Company applies a £100 de-minimis limit on capital expenditure for orders in aggregate of less than £100. Any such items are expensed as operating costs.

Section 2 - Price review & other segmental reporting

2A - Segmental income statement

For the 10 months to 31 March 2017

	Retail ¹		Wholesale			
	Household	Non-Household	Water	Wastewater	Total	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
Revenue - price control	n/a	325.678	n/a	n/a	325.678	
Revenue - non price control	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	-	
Operating costs	n/a	(327.342)	n/a	n/a	(327.342)	
Depreciation - Tangible fixed assets	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	-	
Amortisation - Intangible fixed assets	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	-	
Other operating income	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	-	
Operating loss before recharges	n/a	(1.664)	n/a	n/a	(1.664)	
Recharges from other segments	n/a	· -	n/a	n/a	-	
Recharges to other segments	n/a	-	n/a	n/a	-	
Operating loss	n/a	(1.664)	n/a	n/a	(1.664)	
Surface water drainage rebates					-	

¹Water Plus Select Limited recognises revenue per the amount billed to customers, which includes both retail and wholesale charges aggregated into one bill. Subsequently the Company is billed by STW for the wholesale element of the bill, which they in turn show as wholesale revenue in their wholesale price control. These charges for wholesale services are shown in cost of sales in the Financial Statements of the Company. The retail element of revenue in the 10 months to 31 March 2017 was £19.808m. STW will show the wholesale charges as wholesale revenue. To perform a 12-month consolidation, the wholesale charge of £305.870m should be removed from our revenue and operating costs.

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2C - Operating costs analysis (retail)

For the 10 months to 31 March 2017

	Household	Non-household	Total
	£m	£m	£m
Operating expenditure			
Customer services	n/a	2.719	2.719
Debt management	n/a	1.208	1.208
Doubtful debts	n/a	4.431	4.431
Meter reading	n/a	2.061	2.061
Services to developers	n/a	-	· -
Other operating expenditure	n/a	11.053	11.053
Total operating expenditure excluding third party services	n/a	21.472	21.472
Third party services operating expenditure	n/a	-	-
Total operating expenditure	n/a	21.472	21.472
Depreciation – Tangible fixed assets	n/a	-	-
Amortisation – Intangible fixed assets	n/a	-	-
Total operating costs ¹	n/a	21.472	21.472
Debt written off	n/a	0.006	0.006

Total operating costs of £21.472m are £7.820m or 57.2% higher than the £13.652m allocation in PR14 (Total costs of £16.383m pro-rated for 10 months). This is due to the formation of the new joint venture. Additional direct costs were incurred in the setup of the business during the period, which is a brand new, arms-length entity operating in a new building with its own staff. Certain additional costs were incurred in this period as new staff were recruited and trained and new systems and processes were implemented for the separation.

¹ Total operating costs disclosed in note 1A include wholesale charges of £305.870m (per table 2I) that are passed through the entity as we are solely a retailer. These must be added to total operating costs above to reconcile to table 1A.

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2G - Non-household water revenues by customer type

For the 10 months to 31 March 2017

	Wholesale charges revenue	charges	charges	Retail revenue	Total revenue	Number of customers	Average non- household retail revenue per customer
	£m	£m	£m	(thousand)	£		
Non-default tariffs							
Non-default tariffs		_	_	-	-		
Total non-default tariffs	-	-		-	-		
Default tariffs							
Band 1 - Water: unmetered	2.080	0.200	2.280	10.541	18.97		
Band 2 - Water: 0-10 ml/a - metered	98.303	8.599	106.902	162.424	52.94		
Band 3 - Water: 10-50 ml/a - metered	15.412	0.262	15.674	0.994	263.58		
Band 4 - Water: 50+ ml/a - metered	17.206	0.230	17.436	0.200	1,150.00		
Band 5 - Water: Special Agreements - metered	0.019	0.004	0.023	0.098	40.82		
Total default tariffs	133.020	9.295	142.315	174.257	53.34		
Total	133.020	9.295	142.315	174.257	53.34		

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2H - Non-household wastewater revenues by customer type

For the 10 months to 31 March 2017

	Wholesale charges revenue	Retail revenue	Total revenue	Number of customers	Average non- household retail revenue per customer
	£m	£m	£m	(number)	£
Non-default tariffs					
Non-default tariffs		-	_	_	_
Total non-default tariffs	_	_		_	Lum
Default tariffs					
Band 6 - Sewerage: unmetered	1.886	0.267	2.153	7.837	34.07
Band 7 - Sewerage: 0-50 ml/a - metered	52.347	5.363	57.710	154.076	34.81
Band 8 - Sewerage: 50-250 ml/a - metered	2.378	0.030	2.408	0.389	77.22
Band 9 - Sewerage: 250+ ml/a - metered	2.895	0.029	2.924	0.157	184.89
Band 10 - Sewerage: Special Agreements - metered	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	00.00
Band 11 - Surface Water Drainage: unmetered	2.502	1.010	3.512	8.339	121.12
Band 12 - Surface Water Drainage: 0-50 ml/a - metered	78.246	3.108	81.354	148.858	20.88
Band 13 - Surface Water Drainage: 50-250 ml/a - metered	2.614	0.031	2.645	0.097	320.54
Band 14 - Surface Water Drainage: 250+ ml/a - metered	1.637	0.011	1.648	0.018	596.95
Band 15 - Trade Effluent: 0-50 ml/a - metered	7.141	0.357	7.498	2.117	168.63
Band 16 - Trade Effluent: 50-250 ml/a - metered	10.265	0.150	10.415	0.136	1102.94
Band 17 - Trade Effluent: 250+ ml/a - metered	10.148	0.142	10.290	0.026	5461.54
Band 18 - Trade Effluent: Special Agreements - metered	0.791	0.015	0.806	0.001	15,000.00
Total default tariffs	172.850	10.513	183.363	322.054	32.64
Total	172.850	10.513	183.363	322.054	32.64

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21 - Revenue analysis and wholesale control reconciliation

For the 10 months to 31 March 2017

	Household	Non-household £m	Total £m
	£m		
Wholesale charge - water			
Unmeasured	n/a	2.080	2.080
Measured '	n/a	11.715	113.715
Third party revenue	n/a	17.225	17.225
Total	n/a	133.020	133.020
Wholesale charge - wastewater			
Unmeasured	n/a	1.886	1.886
Measured	n/a	170.964	170.964
Third party revenue	n/a	-	-
Total	n/a	172.850	172.850
Wholesale total	n/a	305.870	305.870
Retail revenue			
Unmeasured	n/a	0.466	0.466
Measured	n/a	19.109	19.109
Retail third party revenue	n/a	0.233	0.233
Retail total	n/a	19.808	19.808
Third party revenue - non-price control			
Bulk Supplies	n/a	-	-
Other third party revenue	n/a	-	-
Other appointed revenue	n/a	-	-
Third party revenue total	n/a	-	_
Total appointed revenue	n/a	325.678	325.678

Note that Water Plus Select Limited collects revenue from bills issued to customers containing both retail and wholesale elements. The wholesale element is subsequently paid to the wholesaler. See the APR for Severn Trent Water Limited for information on wholesale revenue.

Total retail revenue of £19.808m is £0.248m or 1.2% lower than the allowed revenue per the PR14 determination of £20.056m (annual total of £24.067m pro-rated over 10 months).

Supplementary disclosures

For the 10 months to 31 March 2017

Information in respect of transactions during the period with any other business or activity of the Company (acting as agent of the appointee) or any associated company

a) Borrowings and intercompany lending

Sums borrowed and repaid by the Company during the period from associated companies in cash were as disclosed in the table below:

	Borrowed/repaid during period		Interest rates	Balance as at 31 March 2017	
		£m			£m
Water Plus Group Limited	Borrowed	110.331	2.43%	Payable	110.331

b) Transfer of assets/liabilities, omissions, waivers, guarantees

There were no transfers of assets or liabilities to associated companies, no guarantees were issued in favour of associated companies. There were no rights omitted to be exercised resulting in a reduction in the value of net assets of the Company and no waivers of any consideration, remuneration, or any other payment receivable by the Company.

c) Supply of services

Services supplied to the Company by associated companies are outlined in the table below.

Service	Company	Turnover of associate in the period	Terms of supply	Value
		£m		£m
Transitional service arrangements	Severn Trent Water Limited	1,556.127	Cost recharge	4.578
Programme costs	Severn Trent Water Limited	1,556.127	Cost recharge	6.594
TUPE staff charges	Severn Trent Water Limited	1,556.127	Cost recharge	0.697
Wholesale water and waste water charges Wholesale water and waste water	Severn Trent Water Limited	1,556.127	Contract price	305.870
charges	United Utilities Water limited	1,680.310	Contract price	0.638
Management recharges	Water Plus Limited	453.415	Cost recharge	7.657
			,	326.034