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Your Ref: [REDACTED]

Our Ref: [REDACTED]

Date: 11/03/22

VARIATION TO IMPOUNDMENT LICENCE 26/71/3.11/5 AT [REDACTED]

We are seeking to make amendments to the existing Impoundment Licence Reference 26/71/3.11/5 at [REDACTED]. The amendments are being requested to change the licence into the name of the United Utilities Water Limited together with other changes as summarised below

- **General**
 - Licence Holder to be changed to United Utilities Water Limited. Head office to be changed to Haweswater House, Lingley Mere.
 - References to "Lancashire River Authority and "authority" to be replaced by "Environment Agency" throughout the document.
 - To be updated to the new style licence template
- **Second Schedule**
 - Change height of weir in this section to reflect what is being constructed (180.87 mAOD)
- **Third Schedule**
 - Remove requirement for maximum daily release of 450 Ml/d from the water bank.
 - Waterbank Releases
 - Change text in first paragraph to state "*The release from the waterbank shall be done equally over a period of 100 days between 24th May to 31st August each year with the releases being 9.09 ML/d. Any change to this would be subject to the written agreement (via exchange of emails) of the Environment Agency and United Utilities Water Limited.*"
 - Alternatively we would have no issue with the water bank releases being set out in a Section 20 Agreement and the Impoundment Licence can refer to this. We just want to avoid a situation whereby we would need to vary the Impoundment Licence each time there are any changes in the water bank releases.
 - Or the third option would just be to refer to the volume of waterbank releases to be done in each year.
 - Second paragraph – remove the requirement for the compensation water data to be readily available on display to the public. The flow is measured by a Magflow so make reference to this in the licence and that the Compensation Flow data can be provided to the EA as and when required.
- **General Comments**
 - We were wondering if as part of any Impoundment Licence you would want to place the compensation flow and water bank releases on this – we would

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not have any issues with this as long as no changes from what is set out in the abstraction licence. If we need to vary the abstraction licence to remove this then we would need to be advised of this ASAP so that we can look to submit before the fee increases come in place

The documents and plans listed below have been provided in relation to the proposed raising of the level of [REDACTED] by 30cm to 180.87m AOD

- [REDACTED] Location Plan
- [REDACTED] General Arrangement
- [REDACTED] Weir Details
- [REDACTED] reservoir volume assessment
- Flood Risk Assessment
- [REDACTED] - Outline Method Statement
- [REDACTED] - Plan showing flow measurement and discharge locations

If you have any queries on the above then do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely,



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