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By email

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 - Request for Information

Reference: FOI 202108086

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information received on 8 August 2021, which requested the following:

- 1 Assurance Statement by Exiting undertaker in support of application for approval of Transfer Scheme.
- 2 Notice from Secretary of State confirming permission granted to withdraw from non-household retail market.
- 3 Transfer scheme agreed with acquiring licensee.
- 4 Consent and assurance statement by acquiring licensee in support of approval of transfer scheme.
- 5 Transfer scheme approved and water supply license granted to acquiring licensee.
6. Information including (but not limited to) mapping relating to physical water assets currently owned by South West Water Ltd in specific area comprising water mains underground from (1) Old Beat Farm Burlescombe Tiverton EX16 7JZ to Woodgate Culmstock Cullompton Devon and (2) Westbeare Farm Prescott Uffculme Cullompton EX15 3BA to Woodgate Culmstock Cullompton Devon

We confirm we do hold the information requested under items 1 to 5 listed above. Please find attachments A to F.

For Item 2 above we sought and received consent from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to disclose the information requested, with personal information redacted, which is attachment B.

Under section 206 of the Water Industry Act 1991 (WIA) if the information was obtained by virtue of the provisions of the WIA and relates to the affairs of any individual or any business, we require consent of the individual or business. In this case, we sought and received consent from South West Water Ltd and Pennon Water Services Ltd to disclose most of the relevant information requested with certain business sensitive and personal information redacted.

South West Water Ltd and Pennon Water Services Ltd have also confirmed that the documents requested do not specifically refer to or identify by name any of the properties named in your request.

We confirm we do not hold the information described in item 6 above. You may wish to contact South West Water Ltd or Pennon Water Services Ltd directly about the provision of this information.

The water supply license granted to acquiring licensee (in this case Pennon Water Services Ltd) is available on our website via the following link:

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Pennon-Water-Licence.pdf>

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Yours sincerely,

Ofwat's Information Governance Team