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**Consultation on Ofwat's section 13 and section 17J proposal to modify company licences: Removal of the in area trading ban**

Severn Trent is supportive of the introduction of non-household competition. We have previously welcomed Ofwat's intention to remove the in area trading ban as a positive step that will help preparations and lead to an active market that delivers benefits for customers.

The Boards of Severn Trent Water Ltd and Severn Trent Plc have considered the proposed changes to the Instrument of Appointment and Water Supply Licence of Severn Trent Water and Severn Trent Select respectively and are pleased to accept them.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully

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**Dr Tony Ballance**  
**Director, Strategy and Regulation**