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Anticipated non-household retail water and sewerage services joint venture between Severn Trent Plc and United Utilities Group Plc

Notice under section 96(2A) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) published pursuant to section 107(1)(i) of the Act

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) hereby gives notice pursuant to section 96(2A) of the Act that the merger notice provided by Severn Trent Plc and United Utilities Group Plc (the Parties) in relation to the anticipated non-household retail water and sewerage joint venture between the Parties (the **Merger**) meets the requirements of section 96(2) of the Act.

The initial period defined in section 34ZA(3) of the Act in relation to the Merger will therefore commence on the first working day after the date of this notice, ie on 4 March 2016. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 3 May 2016.