

29 November 2016

**Anticipated acquisition by Severn Trent Plc of Dee Valley Group
plc**

**Notice under the definition of ‘initial period’ in section 34ZA(3) of
the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) published pursuant to section
107(1)(ab) of the Act**

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) hereby gives notice pursuant to the definition of ‘initial period’ in section 34ZA(3) of the Act that it has sufficient information in relation to the anticipated acquisition by Severn Trent Plc of Dee Valley Group plc (the Merger) to enable it to begin an investigation for the purposes of deciding whether to refer the Merger for a phase 2 investigation.

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 30 November 2016. The end of the initial period and the deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 27 January 2017.

This notice replaces the notice dated 17 November 2016 which was published under section 96(2A) pursuant to section 107(1)(i) of the Act, which is inapplicable to the current circumstances based on the application of the Water Industry Act 1991, as amended by the Water Act 2014.