

UNITED UTILITIES WATER LIMITED

WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A DROUGHT ORDER

TAKE NOTICE that due to the threat of a serious deficiency of supplies of water in the part of its water supply area served by Ennerdale Water caused by an exceptional shortage of rain, United Utilities Water Limited ("the Company") is applying to the Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for a drought order under Section 73 of the Water Resources Act 1991.

The proposed drought order, which is intended to apply for 3 months, will allow the Company to abstract water from Ennerdale Water when the level of Ennerdale Water is up to 2.5 metres below the crest of the dam by increasing the present draw down limit from 1.7 metres to 2.5 metres below the crest of the dam during the period of operation of the order.

The order, if granted, would allow the Company to continue to abstract water for public supply to help safeguard public water supplies within the West Cumbria Resource Zone. The compensation flows from Ennerdale Water to the River Ehen will continue in accordance with the Impoundment Licence.

In consultation with the Environment Agency and other bodies, including Natural England, the Company has carried out comprehensive environmental assessments into the potential impact of the proposed order.

Anyone may inspect the proposals, which include a map of the area affected by the order, until 26th July 2018. Inspection is free of charge and available during normal working hours at:-

- The Gather, Ennerdale Bridge, CA23 3AR. 01946 862453
- United Utilities Water Limited, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere Business Park, Lingley Green Avenue, Great Sankey, Warrington WA5 3LP. 01925 679800
- United Utilities Water Limited, Sir Christopher Harding House, North Shore Road, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA28 7XY. By appointment. 01925 235992
- Environment Agency, Ghyll Mount, Gillan Way, Penrith 40 Business Park, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 9BP. By appointment. 0870 8506506

Objections must be sent to water.resources@defra.gsi.gov.uk or:

Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Water Supply and Regulation Division
Area 2C
Ergon House
Horseferry Road
London
SW1P 2AL

Objections should be made immediately and in any event no later than 5pm on 26th July 2018. Objectors may send a copy of their objection to the undersigned.

Dated 19th July 2018

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