



**IN THE COMPETITION**  
**APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

Case No: 1603/7/7/23

1628/7/7/23

1629/7/7/23

1630/7/7/23

1631/7/7/23

1635/7/7/24

BETWEEN:

**PROFESSOR CAROLYN ROBERTS**

Proposed Class Representative ("PCR")

- v -

**(1) SEVERN TRENT WATER LIMITED & SEVERN TRENT PLC (2) UNITED UTILITIES WATER LIMITED & UNITED UTILITIES GROUP PLC (3) YORKSHIRE WATER SERVICES LIMITED & KELDA HOLDINGS LIMITED (4) NORTHUMBRIAN WATER LIMITED & NORTHUMBRIAN WATER GROUP LIMITED (5) ANGLIAN WATER SERVICES LIMITED & ANGLIAN WATER GROUP LIMITED (6) THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED & KEMBLE WATER HOLDINGS LIMITED**

Proposed Defendants

- and -

**THE WATER SERVICES REGULATION AUTHORITY**

Intervener

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**CONSENT ORDER (STAY OF DETAILED ASSESSMENT)**

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**UPON** the PCR having applied for a Collective Proceedings Order, pursuant to section 47B of the Competition Act 1998, in Case 1603/7/7/23, Cases 1628-1631/7/7/23, and Case 1635/7/7/23 (each "**Proposed Collective Proceedings**")

**AND UPON** the Tribunal having handed down its Judgment ([2025] CAT 17) (the "**Judgment**") on 6 March 2025 following the hearing of the PCR's applications

**AND UPON** the Tribunal having dismissed the PCR's applications

**AND UPON** the Ruling of the Tribunal dated 20 May 2025 (the "**Consequential Ruling**"), by which the Tribunal ordered: (a) the PCR's application for permission to appeal being refused; (b) the PCR shall pay the Proposed Defendants 20% of their reasonably incurred joint expert costs and one third of their reasonably incurred legal costs of solicitors and counsel; and (c) the Proposed Defendants shall pay 90% the PCR's reasonably incurred costs of Mr Holt and AlixPartners incurred after 14 June 2024 and Thames Water shall pay the PCR's reasonably incurred costs of Mr Latham and Charles River Associates; the costs in (b) and (c) to be the subject of detailed assessment on the standard basis, if not agreed.

**AND UPON** the Court of Appeal granting the PCR permission to appeal the Judgment on 26 June 2025 (with case reference number CA-2025-001337) (the "**Appeal**")

**AND UPON** the parties consenting to an order in the terms below

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The time by which the PCR and Proposed Defendants must commence detailed assessment proceedings in respect of their costs as awarded in the Consequential Ruling, if such costs cannot be agreed between the parties, shall be three months from the date of the Appeal being finally determined.
2. There be liberty to apply

**Sir Peter Roth**

Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 31 July 2025

Drawn: 31 July 2025