Draft Statutory Drought Plan

Covering statement

1. In accordance with Section 39B of the Water Industry Act 1991 (as amended by the Water Act 2003) Dee Valley Water Plc has prepared a draft statutory Drought Plan, which is now ready for public consultation.

2. The Plan provides details of the measures the Company has put in place to manage supplies of water to its customers in the event of a drought.

3. Dee Valley Water Plc is now at the Public Consultation stage. Draft copies of the Drought Plan have been sent to Statutory Consultees and the Plan has also been made available on the Company's web-site.

4. The Company has published the Plan in full, and has not made any omissions on the grounds of commercial confidentiality.

5. Anyone interested in making representation about the Company's draft Drought Plan may do so in writing. Representations must be sent to both of the addresses below:

   Sue Jenkins
   Environment Protection and Quality Division
   Welsh Assembly Government
   Cathays Park
   Cardiff CF10 3NQ

   Or by email to susan.jenkins@Wales.gsi.gov.uk

   And to:

   Dawn Instone
   Water Supply & Regulation Division
   Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
   Room 304, 55 Whitehall
   C/o 3-8 Whitehall
   London
   SW1A 2HH

   Or by email to dawn.instone@defra.gsi.gov.uk

6. Written representations must be received by the Secretary of State **and** the Welsh Assembly Government **no later than 28 July 2006**.

7. Dee Valley Water will publish any necessary response to representations within 8 weeks of the closing date