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OFWAT REFERS BRISTOL WATER APPEAL

Ofwat has referred an appeal from Bristol Water plc to the Competition Commission (CC) following the water supply company's decision to reject the regulator's final determination on price limits for the period 2010–2015, broadly on the grounds that they were too low.

Ofwat is required to refer this appeal to the CC under the Water Industry Act 1991.

The CC's task is to determine the appeal and, if necessary, set new price limits. Its deadline is 6 August 2010.

Ofwat's final determination is at www.ofwat.gov.uk/pricereview/pr09phase3/det_pr09_finalfull.pdf.

Bristol Water's appeal 'in a nutshell' is at www.bristol-water.co.uk/uploads/news/nutshell.pdf.

Notes for editors

1. The CC is an independent public body, which carries out investigations into mergers, markets and the regulated industries.
2. The Water Industry Act 1991 requires Ofwat in accordance with the terms of Bristol Water's licence to refer any disputed determination of price limits to the CC for determination.
3. Enquiries should be directed to [Rory Taylor](#) or [John Park](#) or by ringing 020 7271 0242.