

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for environmental information. We appreciate your interest, and we want to let you know that your request has been carefully considered in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR). As your request contained a number of specific questions, this response, restates each part of the request (in italics) and then follows this with our response:

Although you requested that we provide the response by email, due to the number and size of the documents that we are providing, these will be shared via a OneDrive link, which will be sent in a follow up email.

We have also attached a document entitled "Appendix 1", which provides an index to accompany the documentation provided in response to the points raised in your request and summarised below.

Appendix 1 is an excel workbook containing a number of separate tabs. The first tab is called "EIR Regulations" and sets out the reasons why public bodies are not required or expected to provide certain types of information in relation to EIR requests. The following tabs then provide the list of documents in response to each specific information request with its appendix reference, a short summary of the contents, type of documents, and finally indicates whether any documents have not been provided under the EIR regulations. Please note that documents are set out in date order.

#### **Information requested and summary of how we have addressed each request**

- 1. All United Utility (UU) internal documents, to include but not limited to, emails, notes of meetings and telephone conversations, memoranda and reports (including drafts) in connection with the Planning Application no 7/2025/2052 for the period 1 Jan 2022 to date*

As requested, we have provided copies of our internal documents, emails (primary source of contact) and reports relating to the above. These are set out within Appendix 1 in the tab named question 1.

When collating the requested information, we have refined the emails to focus on those which are relevant to the scope of the request. This process has removed routine administrative communications such as meeting requests, automatic responses, and internal or purely administrative emails.

Following this process we have disclosed over 300 documents in response to your first point. These comprise of emails and subsequent attachments that were formally submitted to the Project Steering Group (PSG) and Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA). Please note that the Lake District Special Planning Board (LDSPB) no longer exists, as its functions have been transferred to the LDNPA under subsequent legislative changes.

*2. Copies of the following documents referred to in the 2015 Agreement:*

*a. Abstraction Licence ref 27 74 003 008 and revised Abstraction Licence*

As requested, we have provided a copy of the abstraction licence. This is set out within Appendix 1 in the tab named question 2a. Please note this document has been redacted in line with Regulation 12(5)(a) of the EIR. Regulation 12(5)(a) states that a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that its disclosure would adversely affect international relations, defence, national security or public safety. The redacted information contained national grid references for assets which are deemed to be sensitive, and public disclosure of these could pose a security threat.

*b. Impoundment Licence reference 27 74 003 012 and revised impoundment licence*

As requested, we have provided a copy of the impoundment licence. This is set out within Appendix 1 in the tab named 'question 2b'. Please note document has also been redacted in line with Regulation 12(5)(a) of the EIR. The redacted information contained national grid references for assets which are deemed to be sensitive and public disclosure of these could pose a security threat.

*c. Documents relating to the review of the Abstraction Licence*

As these documents belong to the Environment Agency, please contact the EA directly for a copy. The EA can be contacted via the following email address: [enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk).

*d. Documents relating to the revocation of the Abstraction Licence*

As requested, we have provided copies of documents relating to the revocation of the abstraction licence. These are set out within Appendix 1 in the tab named 'question 2d'.

*e. All documents submitted to the Project Steering Group relating to both 1) the Compensatory Package 2) the Compensatory Measures in respect of Crummock Water, and all notes of the meetings, reviews carried out and documents produced by each Project Steering Group including but not limited to emails, memoranda, reviews, funding reviews, monitoring plans*

As requested, we have provided the documents submitted to the PSG in relation to the compensatory package. These documents are set out within Appendix 1 in tabs named 'question 2ei' and 'question 2eii'.

*f. Monitoring Plans as approved by each of the Project Steering Groups referred to in e above*

Please note that monitoring plans were not delivered as part of the compensatory package /

measures for Crummock Water, therefore we are unable to provide you with a copy of these in line with Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR.

- g. The conclusion of the Environment Agency's (EA's) review of Abstraction Licence 27 74 003 008 sent to UU by letter dated 10 January 2014*

As requested, we have provided a copy of the letter from the Environment Agency confirming its review of its consents decision at Ennerdale. This is set out in within Appendix 1 in the tab named 'question 2g'.

- h. The Update Papers produced by UU each June and December in relation to the Compensatory Measures/Package and their implementation as relating to Crummock Water and any formal reviews carried out at the request of UU, EA or Natural England (NE) where there has been a material change of circumstance or where a material piece of new information has been brought to the attention of UU, EA or NE*

As requested, we have provided copies of the update papers. These are set out in within Appendix 1 in the tab named 'question 2h'.

- i. All correspondence between UU and both the EA's and NE in respect of the Compensatory Measures/Package and their implementation as relating to Crummock Water*

No letters were exchanged between UU, the EA and NE about the compensatory measures / package. Please refer to Appendix 1 and the tabs named 'question 2ei' and 'question 2eii' for steering group meeting presentations and minutes.

- j. The timetable, methodology and detailed project objectives in compliance with all licensing requirements for removal of abstraction-related infrastructure at Crummock Water as agreed between UU and the EA and NE*

As requested, we have provided the relevant documents. These are set out within Appendix 1 in the tab named 'question 2j'.

- k. All correspondence between UU and EA in connection with the revocation of certain sections of the Cockermouth and Workington Water Act 1878 and the Workington Corporation Act 1899 (to include any separate assessment of the environmental impacts during and after the removal of the weir at Crummock*

This information has been provided in documents 62, and 145 – 154, which is referenced on tab named 'question 1'. within Appendix 1.

- 3. A full copy/copies of the regular weekly inspections, as well as the 10-year inspection report (carried out by an independent Qualified Civil Engineer to comply with the Reservoir Safety Act 1975 (or any updated legislation)).*

Please see attached a copy of the weekly inspection reports. These are set out within Appendix 1, in the tab named 'Question 3'. Please note that weekly inspections are not carried out of a weekend, as Crummock is a concrete weir. This is in line with regulatory framework, and UU

policy.

For awareness, the responsibility for long-term inspection reports on water bodies, such as the statutory 10-year reservoir inspections, usually lie within the remit of the Environment Agency, as the regulatory authority. The EA oversees the preparation, ownership and management of these reports to ensure compliance with safety standards and legislative requirements. Additionally, once the report has been finalised, the EA make the necessary redactions to this.

As a result of this, we would recommend requesting a full copy of the 10-year inspection report directly from the Environment Agency. The version that we hold has EA applied redactions which we are not authorised to remove.

### **Scale of information requested**

Please note that this review encompassed over 400 documents and emails, with contributions from 12 individuals, and required the full 40 working days to compile. Looking ahead, should you wish to submit further similar requests for information, we will undertake an assessment of the scale of each request and the estimated time required to prepare a response. Where appropriate, we may contact you to refine the scope of your request to ensure it can be managed effectively.

We trust that the information provided in this response meets your requirements. However, if you're not satisfied with how we've handled it, you can request an internal review. To do this, please write to us at Environmental Information Office, Haweswater House, Lingley Mere, Warrington, WA5 3LP or email us at [EIRRequests@uuplc.co.uk](mailto:EIRRequests@uuplc.co.uk), addressing your request to [REDACTED], and explaining why you're unhappy with our response. We'll be very happy to review your request and ensure we've done everything we can to assist you.

Any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this response, and we will reply within 40 working days from receipt of the request for internal review.

Many thanks

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We'd love to hear your feedback on how we handled your request! If you have a moment, please complete our short survey [here](#) – your input helps us improve our service.