

**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, which include environmental monitoring and mitigation proposals.

Anyone may inspect the proposals, which include a map of the area affected by the order, until 5pm on 19 May 2020. Inspection is free of charge. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic situation please email stakeholderrelations@uuplc.co.uk to request access to the application documents which we are happy to provide electronically or by post. Additionally, a map of the area affected by the order is on display in a noticeboard by the play park near the primary school in Ennerdale Bridge village. We strongly encourage people to request access to an electronic version of the documentation or physical copy by post rather than visiting Ennerdale Bridge due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Objections must be made to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. It is preferable that this is done by emailing water.resources@defra.gov.uk or alternatively objections can be posted to:

Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Ennerdale Drought Order Application, Water Services, 3rd Floor, Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF

Objections should be made immediately and received in any event no later than 5pm on 19 May 2020. Objectors may send a copy of their objection to drought@uuplc.co.uk or the undersigned.

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