

UNITED UTILITIES GROUP PLC

15 JUNE 2012

MATCHING SHARE AWARD PLAN

The ordinary shares in United Utilities Group PLC shown in column 1 below were allotted in the UK on 15 June 2012 using the market price at the close of trading on the London Stock Exchange on 14 June 2012, to the undernoted directors and persons discharging managerial responsibility in exchange for full market value. These shares will constitute 'investment shares' as defined in the rules of the United Utilities Group PLC 2008 Matching Share Award Plan (the 'Plan') which was approved by the shareholders at the general meeting on 1 July 2008.

On 15 June 2012, the trustees of the Plan also granted awards in the UK, over 'matching shares' as defined in the rules of the Plan as shown in column 2 below, calculated using the market price at the close of trading on the London Stock Exchange on 14 June 2012 of £6.805 per ordinary share. The award gives each director/PDMR an option to acquire up to a maximum number of ordinary shares (as shown in column 2) in United Utilities Group PLC at nil cost to them subject to the rules of the Plan. The actual number of ordinary shares which will vest will depend upon the extent to which the established performance conditions are satisfied over the performance period. Under the rules, the awards are subject to uplift for notional dividends made or paid during the performance period.

Name of director/PDMR	Column 1 No. of investment shares allotted	Price per share paid on allotment £	Column 2 No. of matching shares awarded	Price paid for matching share award £	Price payable on exercise of matching share award £	Performance period
Sally Cabrini	3,156	£6.805	6,575	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Neil Colman	1,470	£6.805	3,063	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Anthony Conway	2,140	£6.805	4,459	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Gary Dixon	967	£6.805	2,014	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Steven Fraser	3,559	£6.805	7,415	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Simon Gardiner	2,216	£6.805	4,618	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Russ Houlden	14,248	£6.805	29,684	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Gaynor Kenyon	1,195	£6.805	2,491	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Steven Mogford	23,112	£6.805	48,151	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Totals	52,063		108,470			

PERFORMANCE SHARE PLAN

The following contingent option awards were granted in the UK on 15 June 2012, calculated using the market price at the close of trading on the London Stock Exchange on 14 June 2012 of £6.805 per ordinary share, to the undernoted directors and persons discharging managerial responsibility pursuant to the rules of the United Utilities Group 2008 Performance Share Plan as approved by the shareholders at the general meeting on 1 July 2008. The figures reflect the maximum number of shares over which the option might be exercised. The actual number will depend upon the extent to which the established performance conditions are satisfied over the performance period. Under the rules, the awards are subject to uplift for notional dividends made or paid during the performance period.

Name of director/PDMR	No. of Ordinary shares awarded	Price paid for award £	Price payable on exercise £	Performance period
Sue Amies-King	9,404	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Sally Cabrini	15,797	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Neil Colman	11,756	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Anthony Conway	11,756	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Gary Dixon	11,217	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Steven Fraser	18,368	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Simon Gardiner	14,695	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Jonathan Hodgkin	12,490	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Russ Houlden	42,174	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Gaynor Kenyon	13,115	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Steven Mogford	66,862	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Janice Smethurst	6,759	nil	nil	01/04/2012 to 31/03/2015
Total	234,393			

Further information can be obtained from Jane Gilmore, Deputy Company Secretary on 01925 237052

United Utilities Group's ordinary shares trade on the London Stock Exchange and its ADRs, each equal to two ordinary shares, trade over the counter under the Trading Symbol "UUGRY".