

UNITED UTILITIES GROUP PLC

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United Utilities appoints Non-Executive Director and Chairman designate

United Utilities Group PLC announces the appointment of Sir David Higgins as a non-executive director with effect from today. He will succeed Dr John McAdam as Chairman who will step down from the Board on 31 December 2019. On his initial appointment, Sir David will become a member of the Nomination Committee. He will also be appointed as a non-executive director of United Utilities Water Limited.

Mark Clare, United Utilities' Senior Independent Director, who led the succession process, said 'after a thorough process, we are delighted to announce Sir David Higgins's appointment to the Board as Chairman designate. The Board believes his substantial infrastructure experience, engineering background and understanding of regulated businesses make him a strong hire. We are delighted that he has accepted the appointment and the Board looks forward to working under his leadership to deliver the company's 2020-25 business plan and beyond.

'Having served on the Board for over 10 years, I would like to thank John for the pivotal role he has played in helping drive the considerable progress made by the business during that time and for his wider contribution across the sector. His commitment and contribution to the company will be much missed - we wish him well for the future.'

Sir David Higgins is currently chairman of Gatwick Airport Limited and a non-executive director of Commonwealth Bank of Australia where he chairs the remuneration committee and is a member of the risk committee. Sir David will be stepping down from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in December this year. Previously, he was chief executive of Network Rail Limited and The Olympic Delivery Authority.

Chairman, Dr John McAdam said: 'I have very much enjoyed my time at United Utilities and working with both present and previous board colleagues. With the appointment of Sir David Higgins, I know the company is in good hands and I wish him every success. My interest in the company's future progress is a given.'

There are no further details to disclose under paragraph 9.6.13 (2) to (6) of the Listing Rules in relation to Sir David Higgins.

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