

**Organisation (if applicable):**

South Staffordshire Water Plc

**Additional comments:**

Dependency on VLB circuits for the provision of telemetry services has all but been removed. Whilst some VLB circuits remain, South Staffs expects these to be retired and replaced within the proposed timeframe for deregulation and so does not see deregulation of VLB circuits as an issue for its future CNI operations.

**Question 3.1: Do you know of other CNI operators that will be affected by the withdrawal of VLB services that we have not considered above? If so, please provide details of these CNI operators, and, if possible, please outline their awareness and preparedness for the withdrawal.:**

No

**Question 3.2: Are there any other developments since the last BCMR or prospective developments that may be relevant to our review of this market? Please identify specific developments, explaining why they may be relevant.:**

No

**Question 4.1: Are there industry associations among the CNI community that you consider we need to contact to increase awareness of the withdrawal of these services?:**

No

**Question 4.2: Do you know of any other category of CNI operator that will be affected by the withdrawal, but that would not become aware of it through our programme of engagement? If so, please provide details of the category of CNI operator and your view on how best to raise awareness with them.:**

No

**Question 5.1: Do you agree with our conclusion that the VLB TI retail market no longer satisfies the EC's three criteria test? If not, please explain your view.:**

Yes

**Question 6.1: Do you know of any CNI operators that rely on retail VLB leased lines provided by KCOM? If so, please provide information about the CNI operator and contact information.:**

No