

**Organisation (if applicable):**

Telecommunication association of the UK Water industry - TAUWI

**Additional comments:**

This response is provided by the Telecommunications Association of the UK Water Industry (TAUWI) on behalf of its members:

Anglian Water Services Ltd  
Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board  
Sembcorp Bournemouth Water  
Bristol Water plc  
Cambridge Water plc  
Dee Valley Water plc  
Natural Resources Wales  
Environment Agency  
Essex & Suffolk Water  
Hartlepool Water  
Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board  
Welsh Water  
Northern Ireland Water Ltd  
Northumbrian Water Ltd  
Scottish Water  
Severn Trent Water Ltd  
South East Water Ltd  
South Staffordshire Water  
South West Water Services Ltd  
Southern Water plc  
States of Jersey Transport and Technical Services Department  
Sutton & East Surrey Water plc  
Thames Water Utilities Ltd  
United Utilities Water plc  
Veolia Water Central  
Veolia Water East Ltd  
Veolia Water South East Ltd  
Wessex Water Services Ltd  
Yorkshire Water Services Ltd

Atkins Ltd act as the main point of contact for TAUWI members and represent their interests on a range of matters, including responding to strategic consultation documents on their behalf.

This response has been circulated for review to each of the 29 member organisations that form TAUWI, further to this submission, individual members may respond with their own views on the consultation.

The Association was formed in April 2004 and replaces the Telecommunications Advisory Committee (TAC) which for the previous 14 years had acted as the focus for the UK Water Industry in relation to fixed and mobile communications and scanning telemetry from a

technical and regulatory aspect. The scope of TAUWI has been extended to capitalise on new opportunities resulting from emerging technologies and regulatory changes. At the same time, more emphasis is being placed on strategic issues in relation to other sectors of an organisation's operation, such as IT Systems, General Communications Infrastructure and business requirements. TAUWI is chaired by Mr Roger Howell of Thames Water Utilities Ltd.

**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.:**

TAUWI is not aware of further CNI operators not considered in Ofcom's investigation. TAUWI has discussed with its membership the plans to discontinue the VLB leased lines and ensured awareness around the industry.

**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.:**

TAUWI is not aware of any further changes or future developments that should be considered in Ofcom's review. TAUWI will continue to ensure its members are aware of any further updates.

**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?:**

TAUWI is unaware of any further CNI associations that should be contacted.

**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.:**

TAUWI is unaware of any further CNI operators that should be contacted.

**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.:**

TAUWI is aware that Yorkshire Water operate VLB leased lines provided by KCOM. [X]