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Dear Elena,

Draft Forward Work Plan 2013/14 Consultation

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment on the Utility Regulator's draft Forward Work Plan for 2013/14.

We note 'advancing a range of strategic workstreams associated with the next price control for NI Water (PC15)' is listed as a key challenge. The dual status of NI Water as both a Government Owned Company and a Non Departmental Public Body continues to place the organisation in a unique position. We look forward to engaging with the Utility Regulator and other stakeholders in further developing the PC15 project taking account of our local circumstances.

With regard to the table on page 8 showing forecast budgets, it would be helpful if an estimate of the recharge of Corporate and CEO costs across each utility sector could be presented so we can quantify the cost of water regulation to NI Water customers.

Finally project reference 36 in relation to cost and performance should refer to PC10 targets rather than PC13 targets.

I trust that you find these comments helpful. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronan Larkin".

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