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Office of Environmental Sustainability
Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Inspector,

Re: Regulation 17B(1) _ Youghal Agglomeration D0139-03

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Uisce Éireann (UÉ) is writing to request an extension for the submission of a response to the Agency's request for further information received on 5th April 2024 (the RFI).

Since receiving the RFI, UÉ has engaged with both its internal experts and external consultants who were involved with the preparation of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which is currently under consideration by the Agency. As the Agency is aware, any update to the EIAR requires thorough review and assessment by various experts advising across various fields in order to ensure the accuracy of any information provided. In particular, the RFI relates to a chapter (Alternatives) which interacts with multiple chapters and disciplines.

Regrettably, to ensure the accuracy of our RFI response, we require additional time while we await input from our external consultant Atkins Realis (and the various sub-disciplines) which we will incorporate into our submission.

We understand the importance of meeting the requested timeframe, and the submission of a response to the RFI is a priority for UÉ. We believe that an extension of 2 ½ weeks would allow us the necessary time to gather all relevant information from our external consultants and to ensure the quality and accuracy of our response.

UÉ is committed to providing the Agency with the necessary information no later than 14th May 2024.

Yours sincerely,

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