DRAFT DROUGHT ORDER

THE YORKSHIRE WATER SERVICES LIMITED (RIVER OUSE) DROUGHT ORDER 2022

Yorkshire Water Services Limited has made an application for an ordinary drought order under section 73(3)(b) of the Water Resources Act 1991 ("the Act").

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ("Secretary of State") is satisfied that proper notices of the application have been published and served by Yorkshire Water Services Limited in accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 8 to the Act and no objections to the application have been made.

The Secretary of State is satisfied that, by reason of an exceptional shortage of rain, there exists a threat of a serious deficiency of supplies of water.

It appears to the Secretary of State expedient to make the provisions in this Order with a view to meeting this deficiency.

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 73(1) and 74(1)(d) and (5) of, and paragraph 2(5) of Schedule 8 to, the Act.

Citation, commencement and expiry

This Order:

- may be cited as the Yorkshire Water Services Limited (River Ouse) Drought Order 2022; and
- 2. comes into force on 2022 and ceases to have effect on 2023.

Interpretation

In this Order:

"Licence" means the abstraction licence numbered NE/027/0024/065 issued by the Environment Agency on 31st March 2017 authorising the Trust to abstract

water from the River Ouse at Moor Monkton, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, to the extent and manner, and subject to the terms and conditions, set out

in the Schedule of Conditions to the Licence.

"Trust" means the Canal & River Trust

"YWSL means the abstraction licence numbered 2/27/24/158 issued by the Licence" Environment Agency on 5th December 2003 authorising Yorkshire Water

Services Limited to abstract water from the River Ouse at Moor Monkton, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, to the extent and manner, and subject to the terms and conditions, set out in the Schedule of Conditions to the Licence.

Modification of the quantity of water to be abstracted from the River Ouse

While this Order is in force:

1. Paragraph 9.1 of the Schedule of Conditions to the Licence is replaced with the following:

The aggregate quantity of water authorised to be abstracted under the Licence and licence 2/27/24/158 shall not exceed 210 Ml/d when the flow in the River Ouse as gauged by the Agency at its flow gauging station at Skelton gauging station National Grid Reference SE 56832 55366 is equal to or less than 1,000 Ml/d as may be notified by the Agency. The Agency's said gauging of the flow shall be conclusive.

2. Paragraph 9.2 of the Schedule of Conditions to the Licence is replaced with the following:

The aggregate quantity of water authorised to be abstracted under this licence NE/027/0024/065 and licence 2/27/24/158 shall not exceed 132 Ml/d when the flow in the River Ouse as gauged by the Agency at its flow gauging station at Skelton gauging station National Grid Reference SE 56832 55366 is equal to or less than 650 Ml/d as may be notified by the Agency. The Agency's said gauging of the flow shall be conclusive.

3. Paragraph 9.3 of the Schedule of Conditions to the Licence is replaced with the following:

The aggregate quantity of water authorised to be abstracted under this licence NE/027/0024/065 and licence 2/27/24/158 shall not exceed 70 Ml/d when the flow in the River Ouse as gauged by the Agency at its flow gauging station at Skelton gauging station National Grid Reference SE 56832 55366 is equal to or less than 400 Ml/d (7.523 cubic metres per second) as may be notified by the Agency. The Agency's said gauging of the flow shall be conclusive.

4. Paragraph 10.1 of the Schedule of Conditions of the YWSL Licence is replaced with the following:

Abstraction at all times under this licence shall reduce without delay to 210 Ml/d when the flow in the River Ouse as measured at the Agency's gauging station at Skelton (NGR: SE568 554), is equal to or less than 1,000 Ml/d (11.574 cubic metres per second (cumecs).).

5. Paragraph 10.2 of the Schedule of Conditions of the YWSL Licence is replaced with the following:

Abstraction at all times under this licence shall reduce without delay to 132 Ml/d when the flow in the River Ouse as measured at the Agency's gauging station at Skelton is equal to or less than 650 Ml/d.

6. Paragraph 9.3 of the Schedule of Conditions of the YWSL Licence is replaced with the following:

Abstraction at all times under this licence shall reduce without delay to 70 Ml/d when the flow in the River Ouse as measured at the Agency's gauging station at Skelton is equal to or less than 400 Ml/d.

Supplemental provision

Yorkshire Water Services Limited shall undertake the environmental monitoring as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

For and on behalf of the Secretary of State

Dated

Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

SCHEDULE ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING SCHEDULE: STANDARD SCHEDULE

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING SCHEDULE: SHORT-TERM POLLUTION SCHEDULE

Assessment Type	To be confirmed
Duration of Monitoring	To be confirmed
Environmental Distress	To be confirmed
Monitoring Method & Standard of Assessment	To be confirmed
Frequency of monitoring	To be confirmed
Location of Monitoring	To be confirmed
Survey Results	To be confirmed
Responsibility	To be confirmed

Any cumulative reach monitoring tables in additional appendices here.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Note: the following information is provided for information only. It does not form part of the licence.

REASONS FOR MODIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS

The Schedule of this Order has been included to make provision for environmental monitoring during the period this Order is effective.