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1. Introduction

Our original data table commentary for the Supplementary tables accompanying our business plan submission in October 2023 is available here: WSX56 - Supplementary tables commentary.

Data table changes since that submission are summarised in this commentary.

2. SUP1A – Connected properties, customers and population

Line no.	Line description	Change
SUP1A.1 – SUP1A.9	Customer numbers – average during the year	2023/24 figures have been updated to reflect outturn data in Table 6D of the APR. The forecasts for lines have been updated due to the updates made to Lines 10 to 16, please see below.
SUP1A.10	Residential properties billed	2023/24 figures have been updated to reflect outturn data in Table 6D of the APR. The forecast figures have been updated to reflect a revised forecast using latest outturn data up to 2023-24 and the revised metering forecast set out in CW7 but using the same methodology as the WRMP. Therefore, the figures no longer align with those in the rdWRMP24, but do align with the rest of our draft determination table revisions.
SUP1A.11	Residential void properties	2023/24 figures have been updated to reflect outturn data in Table 6D of the APR. The forecast figures have been updated to reflect the draft determination revised forecast using latest outturn, but using the same methodology as the WRMP.
SUP1A.12	Total connected residential properties	This is a calculated row and has been updated as per the above revisions.
SUP1A.13	Business properties billed	2023/24 figures have been updated to reflect outturn data in Table 6D of the APR. The forecast figures have been updated to reflect a revised forecast using latest outturn data up to 2023-24 and the revised metering forecast set out in CW7 but using the same methodology as the WRMP. Therefore, the figures no longer align with those in the rdWRMP24, but do align with the rest of our draft determination table revisions.

Line no.	Line description	Change
SUP1A.14	Business void properties	2023/24 figures have been updated to reflect outturn data in Table 6D of the APR. The forecast figures have been updated to reflect the draft determination revised forecast using latest outturn data but using the same methodology as the WRMP.
SUP1A.15	Total connected business properties	This is a calculated row and has been updated as per the above revisions.
SUP1A.16	Total connected properties	This is a calculated row and has been updated as per the above revisions.
SUP1A.17 – SUP1A.18	Population data (resident and non- resident population, water and wastewater)	2023/24 figures have been updated to reflect outturn data in Table 6D of the APR. The forecast Resident Population (Line 17) for Water customers has been updated to reflect the revised forecast using most recent outturn data but using the same methodology as the WRMP. No change has been made to the wastewater forecast in Line 17, or Line 18.
SUP1A.19 – SUP1A.21	Household population data	2023/24 figures have been updated to reflect outturn data in Table 6D of the APR. The forecast population figures have been updated to reflect the draft determination revised forecast using latest outturn data but using the same methodology as the WRMP.

3. SUP1B – Properties and meters

Line no.	Line description	Change
SUP1B.1 to SUP1B.11	Property and meter numbers – at end of year (31st March	2023/24 figures have been updated to reflect outturn data in Table 6D of the APR. Forecast figures have been updated to reflect the revised forecasts as populated in the updated CW7 table. Further information can be found in WSX-D03, Section 11 CW7 – Demand management – Metering activities.

4. SUP11 – Real price effects and frontier shift

We have made one change to SUP11 for the business rate RPE (other category). We provide further information in our RPE representation WSX-C21.

Other than business rates, we have not considered it proportionate to update RPE forecasts (which will have moved again by FD) or expenditure weights; our focus instead has been to inform approach.

As set out in WSX-C22, we retain our business plan proposal of 0.5% pa frontier shift challenge. We refer to the study by Economic Insight (see WSX-A02, Section 6) which expands on and further evidences our above view.