

of 6 million gallons per day and providing a minimum flow in the River Wye at Redbrook Gauging Station (National Grid Reference point SO 528110) of 133 million gallons per day, subject to the proviso that the total amount of compensation water in any calendar year shall not exceed 10,590 million gallons; and

- (iii) when required the reduction of the rate of continuous discharge of compensation water by 5 million gallons per day, the accumulation of the said 5 million gallons per day for up to 21 days and the discharge of the quantity so accumulated during a period of 48 hours.

The proposals for variation of the Elan Valley Reservoirs abstraction licence provide for:

- (a) a reduction of the authorised abstraction from 31,110 million gallons in any year to 29,280 million gallons in any year (equivalent to an average rate of abstraction of 80 million gallons per day), subject to abstraction at a maximum daily rate of 85 million gallons per day, with provision for reduction of the average daily rate of abstraction to 72 million gallons per day when the quantity of water in store in the Elan Valley Reservoirs at any of certain specified dates in the year is less than a quantity specified for that date;
- (b) a reduction of the rate of the continuous discharge of compensation water from 26 million gallons per day to 15 million gallons per day, with provision for the discharge of additional compensation water from time to time at such a rate exceeding 15 million gallons per day as may be required to provide a flow in the River Wye at the said Redbrook Gauging Station of not less than 266 million gallons per day, subject to a maximum rate of discharge of such compensation water of 51 million gallons per day or, when the quantity of water in store in the Elan Valley Reservoirs at any of the specified dates in a year is less than the quantity specified for that date, 45 million gallons per day;
- (c) the reservation of an additional quantity of up to 400 million gallons in the Elan Valley Reservoirs when those reservoirs are full, subject to a maximum of 400 million gallons in each calendar year, and discharge from this water in store as required for the provision of freshets and for river management purposes;
- (d) the revocation of the provision specified in paragraph (iii) above for reduction of compensation water for accumulation and subsequent discharge.

B. The existing Licence No. 19/55/18/375 for abstraction at Lydbrook authorises abstraction at a maximum daily rate of 8 million gallons per day, and at a maximum hourly rate of 800,000 gallons per hour except when the flow in the River Wye at the said Redbrook Gauging Station is below 266 million gallons per day (including any additional discharge from the Elan Valley Reservoirs to support the said abstraction), when the hourly rate of abstraction is reduced to 200,000 gallons per hour in respect of a quantity of up to 2 million gallons per day and to 300,000 gallons per hour in respect of the remaining authorised abstraction per day.

The proposals for variation of the Lydbrook abstraction licence provide for an increase in the maximum daily rate of abstraction to 10 million gallons per day (1 million gallons per hour) subject, if at any time the flow of the River Wye at Redbrook Gauging Station is less than 266 million gallons per day, to reduction, when the quantity of water in store in the Elan Valley Reservoirs at any of the specified dates in a year is less than the quantity specified for that date, to a maximum daily rate of 8.75 million gallons per day and a corresponding reduction in the hourly rate of abstraction.

C. The intended Monmouth abstraction licence provides for abstraction at a maximum daily rate of 30 million gallons per day (10,980 million gallons in any year) subject, if at any time the flow of the River Wye at the said Redbrook Gauging Station is less than 266 million gallons per day, to reduction, when the quantity of water in store in the Elan Valley Reservoirs at any of the specified dates in a year is less than the quantity specified for that date, to a maximum daily rate of 25 million gallons per day.

The proposals are made to vary the conditions for abstraction, and the discharge of compensation water, from the Elan Valley Reservoirs to permit abstraction at Monmouth to augment water supplies in South East Wales and increased abstraction at Lydbrook to augment water supplies in the Ross area, while safeguarding river interests.

Details of the proposals, including drafts of the proposed variation of the Elan Valley Reservoirs abstraction licence, the proposed variation of the Lydbrook abstraction licence and the proposed Monmouth abstraction licence, and copies

of the relevant maps, may be inspected free of charge at the offices of the Wye River Division of the Authority at 4 St. John Street, Hereford, at the Elan Estates Office of the Authority at Elan Valley, Rhayader, Powys, at the Northern Area Office of the Wye River Division of the Authority at Strand Hall, Builth Wells, Powys, at the Post Office, Lydbrook, Gloucestershire and at the Monmouth Depot of the Authority at Mayhill, Monmouth, Gwent, at all reasonable hours during the period beginning on 23rd February 1978 and ending 23rd March 1978.

Any person who wishes to make representations about the proposals should do so in writing to the Manager, Wye River Division, 4 St. John Street, Hereford, HR1 2NE, before the end of the said period.

After the expiry of the above-mentioned period the Authority will be entitled to pass a resolution by virtue of which the Elan Valley Reservoirs abstraction licence and the Lydbrook abstraction licence shall be deemed to be varied and the Monmouth abstraction licence shall be deemed to be granted in accordance with the proposals unless the Secretary of State for Wales or the Secretary of State for the Environment, whether in consequence of any representations made about the proposals or otherwise, requires applications to be made to him.

Dated 23rd February 1978.

F. Jobson, Manager, Wye River Division, Welsh National Water Development Authority, 4 St. John Street, Hereford, HR1 2NE. (821)

WATER RESOURCES ACT 1971

The Welsh National Water Development Authority (Elan Valley Reservoirs Discharge) Order

Notice is hereby given that the Welsh National Water Development Authority have applied for an Order under section 1 of the Water Resources Act 1971.

The local authorities within whose areas a discharge point is to be situated are the Powys County Council, the Brecknock District Council and the Radnor District Council.

Copies of the draft Order have been deposited at the offices of the Wye River Division of the Authority at 4 St. John Street, Hereford, at the Elan Estates Office of the Authority at Elan Valley, Rhayader, Powys, at the Northern Area Office of the Wye River Division of the Authority at Strand Hall, Builth Wells, Powys, at the Post Office, Lydbrook, Gloucestershire and at the Monmouth Depot of the Authority at Mayhill, Monmouth, Gwent, and may there be inspected by any person, free of charge, at all reasonable hours from the date of this notice until 6th April 1978.

A notice explaining the effect of the proposed Order has been or will be published in the *Birmingham Post*, *Brecon and Radnor Express*, *Ross Gazette* and *South Wales Weekly Argus* newspapers of the 23rd February and 2nd March 1978, in the *Hereford Times* and *Monmouthshire Beacon* newspapers of the 24th February and the 3rd March 1978 and in the *County Times and Gazette* newspaper of the 25th February and 4th March 1978.

Dated 24th February 1978.

F. Jobson, Manager, Wye River Division, Welsh National Water Development Authority, 4 St. John Street, Hereford, HR1 2NE. (820)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO ABSTRACT WATER

Notice is hereby given that an application is being made to the Anglian Water Authority, Norfolk and Suffolk River Division by Messrs. H. Smith & Sons, Quarry Works, Homingham, Norfolk, for a licence to abstract 21,000 cubic metres of water per annum from the chalk stratum at Grid Ref: TG 331099 in the parish of Blofield. The water is required for spray irrigation.

A copy of the application and of any map, plan or other document submitted with it may be inspected free of charge at Gables Farm, Hemblington, at all reasonable hours during the period beginning 23rd February and ending 25th March 1978.

Any person wishing to make representations about the application should do so in writing to the Divisional Manager, Anglian Water Authority, Norfolk and Suffolk River Division, Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road, Norwich, NR1 1SA, before the end of the said period.

T. W. Page & Son Ltd., on behalf of H. Smith & Sons. (830)