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Natural Resources Wales

Water Resources
LICENCE TO
ABSTRACT
WATER

Environment Act 1995
Water Resources Act 1991 as amended by the Water Act 2003
Water Resources (Abstraction and Impounding) Regulations 2006
Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order 2012

IMPORTANT NOTES

Need for safekeeping

This licence is an important document. The permission or right to abstract water may be valuable to your landholding. So -

- **Keep the licence safe, preferably with your deeds etc.**
- **Take careful note of the comments below about "transfer and apportionment" and "death and bankruptcy".**

This is to ensure that the permission and any rights granted by the licence continue if you need to pass it on to someone else.

If you want to:

- **revoke (cancel) the licence;**
- **vary (change/amend) the licence in any way or**
- **change your contact address (but you continue to hold the licence).**

Please write to us at your local Natural Resources Wales office.

Details of this licence are placed on a register, kept by Natural Resources Wales and open for inspection by the public. The public may also obtain further details about it by virtue of the Environmental Information Information Regulations 2004 (see also Disclosure of Information) except in special cases (for advice please contact us at the address shown on the front page of the licence).

Transfer and apportionment

If you need to pass this licence or any part of it to someone else, you must contact Natural Resources Wales and obtain the appropriate application forms. Temporary licences cannot be transferred or apportioned. The licence holder remains responsible for compliance with the terms of the licence and any charges payable until the licence has been transferred or apportioned.

Death or bankruptcy of the licence holder

If a licence has been **'vested'** in you, as a result of the death or bankruptcy of the licence holder, please contact Natural Resources Wales in writing, telling us the licence number(s) and the date that the licence vested in you as a personal representative or trustee of the licence holder. This is necessary in order to enable you to subsequently transfer the licence.

'Vesting' is the transfer of responsibility and ownership of a licence when an existing licence holder is no longer able to hold the licence either through death or bankruptcy.

You do not have to complete a form, but you must notify us in writing within 15 months of the date of vesting, giving the full names of all personal representatives or trustees and a contact address.

Time limits

Your licence may be subject to a time limit (stated on the front of your licence). All new abstraction licences are legally required to include a time limit. For variations to licences, time limits are added in accordance with our policy.

The duration of a time limit is determined in accordance with our time limiting policy. The time limit is linked to the next or subsequent review of water resources within a Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy (CAMS).

There will be a presumption of renewal providing three tests are met: environmental sustainability is not in question; there is continued justification of need; and water is being used efficiently. Any application for renewal will still be subject to the normal statutory considerations.

If your licence is time limited and you wish to renew it when it expires, you will need to apply for a new licence to replace the existing one. You are advised to submit this application at least three months before it expires. To allow you to give early consideration to this, we will send you a reminder approximately 18 months before the expiry date.

If your licence cannot be renewed, we will endeavour to give at least six years notice. We will also endeavour to give at least six years notice where the licence is likely to be renewed on different terms and will significantly impact upon the use of the licence.

In exceptional circumstances, for example where there are other overriding statutory duties such as the Habitats Regulations, it may not be possible to provide six years notice.

Charges

Unless specifically exempted, we may levy an annual CHARGE for water AUTHORISED to be abstracted by this licence, in accordance with our abstraction charges scheme in force at the time.

The licence may be revoked if charges are not paid.

Quantity and quality of water

You must not abstract more than the quantity specified in the licence.

Natural Resources Wales does not, by issue of this licence or otherwise, in any way guarantee that the source of supply will produce the quantity of water authorised to be abstracted by this licence, nor that the water is fit for its intended use.

The quantity of water authorised for abstraction is given in cubic metres. One cubic metre is approximately 220 gallons.

(The precise conversion is 1 cubic metres = 219.969 gallons).

Source of supply and authorised point of abstraction

You may abstract from the point(s) specified in the licence and from no other points. If you want to add or change the authorised point(s) of abstraction, you must apply to us to vary the licence.

Land on which water is authorised to be used

Where this condition applies, you may only use the water you abstract on the area specified in the licence. You must apply to us to vary the licence if you wish to extend or alter this area or remove it.

Purpose for which water is authorised to be used

You may only use the water for the purpose(s) specified in the licence. You must apply to us to vary the licence if you wish to add to or change the purpose(s).

Offences

Under the Water Resources Act 1991 it is an offence:-

- to abstract water, or cause or permit any other person to abstract water, unless the abstraction is authorised by and in accordance with an abstraction licence, or is subject to an exemption;
- to do anything to enable abstraction, or to increase abstraction, except in accordance with an abstraction licence or exemption;
- to fail to comply with the conditions of an abstraction licence. **Note in particular that it may be a condition of the licence to maintain the meter or other measuring device etc. and failure to do so will be an offence;**
- to interfere with a meter or other device which measures quantities of water abstracted so as to prevent it from measuring correctly;
- to fail to provide information which we have reasonably required for the purpose of carrying out any of the Natural Resources Wales water resources functions;
- to knowingly make false statements for the purpose of obtaining a licence or consent or in giving required information.

The requirement for a licence is subject to some exemptions, set out in the Water Resources Act 1991 as amended. If in any doubt as to whether you need a licence, contact us at the address shown at the bottom of the front page of the licence.

Right of appeal

If you are dissatisfied with our decision on your licence application, you may appeal.

If you are in England, you should write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, care of The Planning Inspectorate at:
Room 4/19 Eagle Wing,
Temple Quay House,
2 The Square,
Temple Quay,
Bristol,
BS1 6PN.

If you are in Wales, you should write to Welsh Government care of
The Planning Inspectorate at:
Crown Buildings,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ.

You must serve notice of appeal within 28 days of the date of receipt of this licence (although the Secretary of State and The Welsh Government have power to allow a longer period for serving notice of appeal). See Water Resources Act 1991, section 43.

Disclosure of information

Information about this licence is available in the public Register held by Natural Resources Wales. Members of the public are also entitled to ask us for other "environmental information" it holds, including any activities likely to affect "the state of any water" or any "activities or other measures designed to protect it". That would include the information additional to the licence document e.g. any related agreement or abstraction returns. In certain restricted circumstances it is possible to claim that information should be kept confidential. If you require more information about keeping this information off the public register because it is confidential, please contact us by writing to the address shown on the front page of the licence within 28 days of receiving this licence.

Licence serial number	WA/065/0006/0025

Please quote the serial number in all correspondence about this licence

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FULL LICENCE TO ABSTRACT WATER

The Natural Resources Body for Wales (hereafter referred to as "NRW") grants this licence to:-

RWE Generation UK PLC ("the Licence Holder")

Windmill Hill Business Park
Whitehill Way
Swindon
Wiltshire
SN5 6PB

Company Registration Number: 03892782

This licence authorises the Licence Holder to abstract water from the source of supply described in the Schedule of Conditions to this licence and subject to the provisions of that Schedule. The licence commences from the effective date shown below and shall remain in force until the date of expiry shown below.

Signed:

Ashley Lansdown
Permitting Team Leader
Permitting Service
Natural Resources Wales
Welsh Government Offices
Cathays Park
King Edward VII Avenue
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Date of issue……..…. 22 April 2025

Date effective……01 April 2025

Date of expiry…….31 March 2037

Date of original issue…....27 March 1998

This licence should be kept safe and its existence disclosed on any sale of the property to which it relates. Please read the 'important notes' on the cover to this licence

Note: References to "the map" are to the map which forms part of this licence.
References to "NRW" are to the Natural Resources Body for Wales or any successor body.

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

1. SOURCE OF SUPPLY

1.1 Inland water (reservoir) known as Llyn Cwm y Foel at Cwm Croesor, near Blaenau Ffestiniog.

2. POINT OF ABSTRACTION

2.1 At National Grid Reference SH 65400 46600 marked 'Point A' on the map.

3. MEANS OF ABSTRACTION

3.1 A gravity feed pipe of internal diameter not exceeding 400mm. Intake to be screened to prevent the ingress of fish. The design of the intake structure and screen shall be submitted to NRW for approval prior to construction and shall be constructed and maintained in such a manner so as to ensure compliance with the licence conditions. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

4. PURPOSE OF ABSTRACTION

4.1 Power production.

5. PERIOD OF ABSTRACTION

5.1 All year.

6. MAXIMUM QUANTITIES OF WATER TO BE ABSTRACTED

6.1 972 cubic metres per hour
23,330 cubic metres per day
4,600,000 cubic metres per year
At an instantaneous rate not exceeding 270 litres per second.

Note: An hour means any period of 60 consecutive minutes, a day means any period of 24 consecutive hours and a year means the 12 month period beginning on 1 April and ending on 31 March.

7. MEANS OF MEASUREMENT OF WATER ABSTRACTED

7.1 (i) No abstraction shall take place unless the Licence Holder has installed a meter to measure quantities of water abstracted.

(ii) The Licence Holder shall position and install the meter in accordance with any written directions given by NRW.

(iii) The Licence Holder shall maintain, repair or replace the meter to ensure that accurate measurements are recorded at all times.

(iv) The Licence Holder shall calibrate the meter regularly in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer or at any time when required by NRW in writing.

(v) The Licence Holder shall keep all records of meter repair or replacement including evidence of current certification.

8. RECORDS

8.1 (i) The Licence Holder shall take and record readings of the meter specified in Condition 7 at the same time each week, during the whole of the period during which abstraction is authorised or as otherwise approved in writing by NRW.

(ii) The Licence Holder shall send to NRW a copy of the records required by (i) above within 28 days after 31 March in each year, and also within 28 days of being so requested in writing by NRW

(iii) The Licence Holder shall keep all records for at least 6 years, and shall allow NRW to inspect them during all reasonable hours.

9. FURTHER CONDITIONS

9.1 No abstraction shall take place unless the level of water in the Llyn Cwm y Foel is equal to or greater than 440.800 metres above ordinance datum.

9.2 (i) When the water level of Llyn Cwm y Foel is between 440.140 meters above ordnance datum and 440.800 meters above ordnance datum, then a compensation water discharge shall be released from Llyn Cwm y Foel into Nant Cwm y Foel which will be equal to the natural inflow into the reservoir or 10 litres per second, whichever is the lesser.

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(ii) When the water level of Llyn Cwm y Foel is between 440.800 metres above ordinance datum and 442.800 metres above ordnance datum, a varying discharge of compensation water shall be released, from Llyn Cwm y Foel into Nant Cwm y Foel in accordance with the levels and associated minimum discharge rates detailed in the table and chart in Appendix 1.

(iii) When the water level of Llyn Cwm y Foel is above 442.800 meters above ordnance datum then a minimum discharge of 23.2 litres per second of compensation water shall be released from Llyn Cwm y Foel into Nant Cwm y Foel.

(iv) The compensation water discharges stipulated in Conditions 9.2 (i) to (iii) above shall be made at a point (or points) and in a manner to be agreed in writing with NRW.

9.3 (i) The Licence Holder shall install an NRW approved compensation water flow measurement device or devices, to measure the compensation water releases detailed in Conditions 9.2 (i) to (iv) above.

(ii) The Licence Holder shall measure the compensation water releases detailed in Conditions 9.2 (i) to (iv) above, if requested to do so at any reasonable time by NRW.

(iii) The Licence Holder shall maintain the compensation water flow measurement device or devices detailed in Condition 9.3 (i) above, to ensure accurate measurements at all times and shall recalibrate if deemed necessary by NRW.

9.4 (i) No abstraction shall take place unless the Licence Holder has installed an NRW approved level monitoring device to continually measure and record the water level in the Llyn Cwm y Foel Reservoir.

(ii) The Licence Holder shall submit a copy of the records detailed in Condition 9.4 (i) above, to NRW in an agreed format within 5 working days at the end of each calendar month.

9.5 Upon commencement of each abstraction period, the abstraction rate shall be gradually increased from 0 litres per second to the maximum rate as detailed in condition 6.1 above, of authorised abstraction over a period of not less than 20 minutes or some other period which may be agreed in writing with NRW.

9.6 Upon completion of each abstraction period, the abstraction rate shall be gradually decreased to 0 litres per second over a period of not less than 30 minutes or some other period which may be agreed in writing with NRW.

9.7 (i) The abstraction meter, the compensation water and water level devices and their associated measuring and recording equipment shall be maintained in good working order by the Licence Holder to NRW's reasonable satisfaction, and shall be accurate within ±5% throughout their operational range.

(ii) The Licence Holder shall immediately inform NRW in the event of a breakdown or inaccurate operation of any meter, measuring, recording or compensation water device and shall take, without delay, such reasonable steps as may be necessary for the replacement repair and testing of the equipment and the assessment if the quantity of water abstracted or compensation water discharged in the period during which accurate metering, measurement or recording is not being carried out.

(iii) NRW may require abstraction to cease at times when accurate measurement cannot be achieved in accordance with the conditions of this licence.

9.8 The Licence Holder shall return all of the water abstracted in pursuance of this licence to the Cwm Croesor at National Grid Reference SH 64860 45950 marked 'Point Q' on the map.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

REASONS FOR CONDITIONS

The licence is time-limited to a date to reflect the timing of a future review of the catchment resources availability.

The abstraction is required to be metered to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the licence and to provide information on actual water usage for water planning purposes.

Conditions 7 and 8: The abstraction is required to be metered to demonstrate compliance with the conditions of the licence and to provide information on actual water usage for water planning purposes

Condition 9.1: to ensure the water level within the reservoir is maintained in order to maintain the habitat for the conservation of flaura and fauna.

Conditions 9.2 (i) to (iv): to ensure a flow is maintained in the watercourse in order to maintain the riverine habitat for the conservation of the flora and fauna.

Condition 9.3: to ensure accurate measurement of compensation water flows.

Condition 9.4: to ensure compliance of Condition 9.1.

Condition 9.5 and 9.6: to ensure that the reservoir has time to recover during abstraction.

Condition 9.7: to ensure accuracy and maintenance of devices used to measure and record; the abstraction, compensation water releases and water levels required under this licence.

Condition 9.8: to ensure the abstraction can be classed as non-consumptive.

IMPORTANT NOTES

No impoundment licence is required to facilitate the abstraction of water for the hydropower scheme authorised by this abstraction licence.

For the purposes of Conditions 3.1, 9.2(iv), 9.5, 9.6 and 9.7(ii) the Licence Holder shall contact:

North West People and Places Team
Natural Resources Wales
Maes y Ffynnon
Penrhosgarnedd
Bangor
Gwynedd
LL57 2DW

Tel: 0300 065 3000
Email: NorthWestPeopleandPlacesTeam@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Water efficiency note
The Licence Holder should use water abstracted under the terms of this licence in an efficient manner. NRW may refer to its guidance on water efficiency (or equivalent guidance) in determining whether water is being used efficiently and may offer advice on any measures considered necessary to meet particular recommendations.

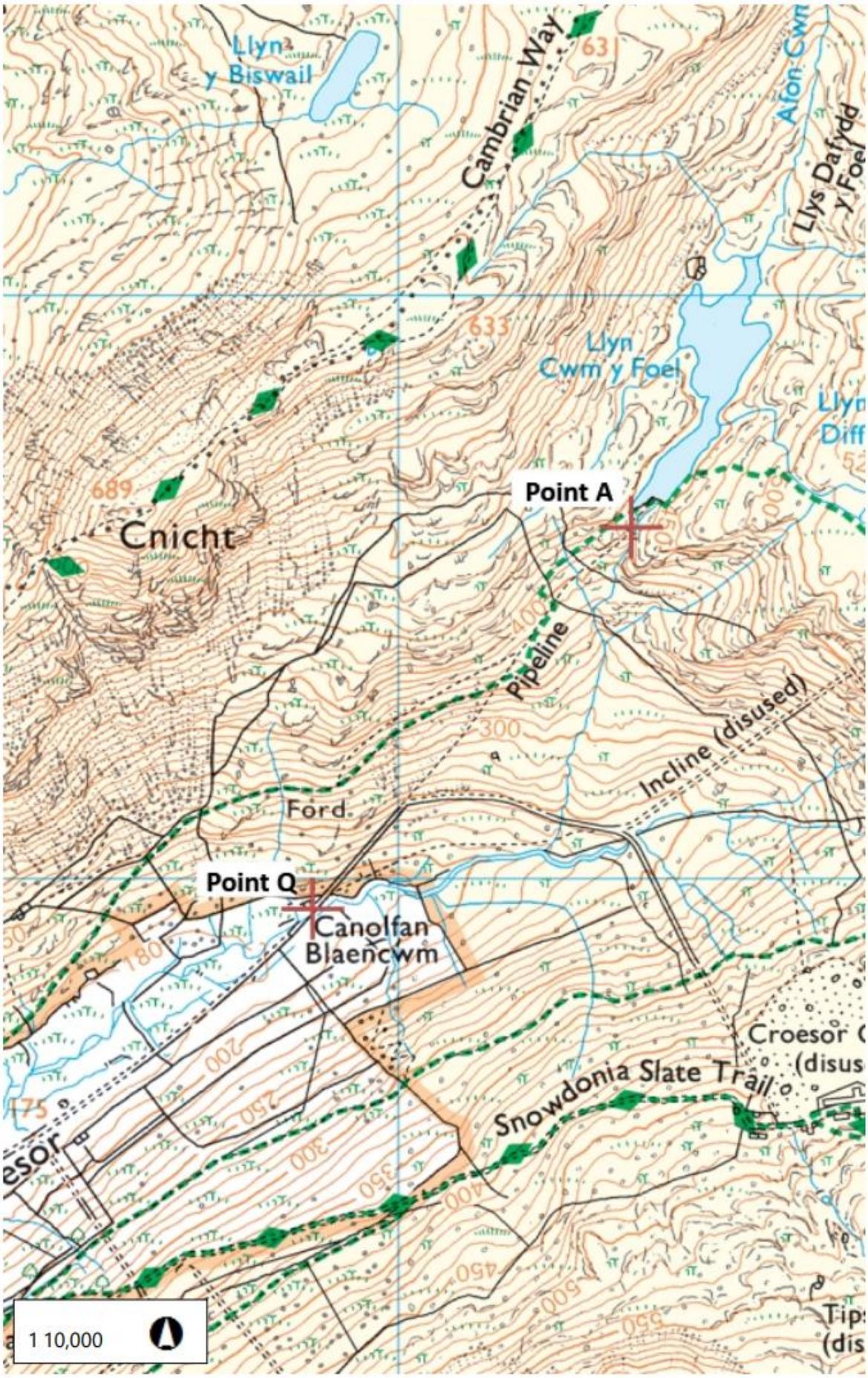
Metering
NRW will have regard to its Abstraction Metering Good Practice Manual (or equivalent guidance) in directing any of the following: where the meter should be located or how it should be installed; whether the meter measures accurately, and/or is properly maintained; whether it is necessary to require repair or replacement of the meter.

Screening
NRW will have regard to its Screening for Intakes and Outfalls: a Best Practice Guide (or equivalent guidance) in agreeing where, how and what type of fish screens should be installed and together with the results of any monitoring in determining whether the fish

screens are properly effective and maintained, and in judging whether it is necessary to require repair or replacement of the fish screens.

Licence history

Licence Serial Number	Issue and Effective Date	Expiry Date	Summary of Changes
23/65/6/0023	Issued: 27/03/1998 Effective: 01/01/1999	01/01/2019	Licence issued to RWE NPower plc
23/65/6/0023/V001	Issued: 01/02/2008 Effective: 14/04/2009	01/01/2019	Licence transferred to NPower Renewables Ltd
23/65/6/0023/R001	27/12/2018	31/03/2025	Same Terms Renewal of Licence. Licence conditions wording update to reflect site conditions, inclusion of compensation release graph and table. Licence number updated.
23/65/6/0023/V002	Issued: 22/07/2020 Effective: 01/08/2020	31/03/2025	Licence transferred to RWE Generation UK PLC
WA/065/0006/0025	Issued: 22/04/2025 Effective: 01/04/2025	31/03/2037	Licence renewed on same terms with new licence serial number.



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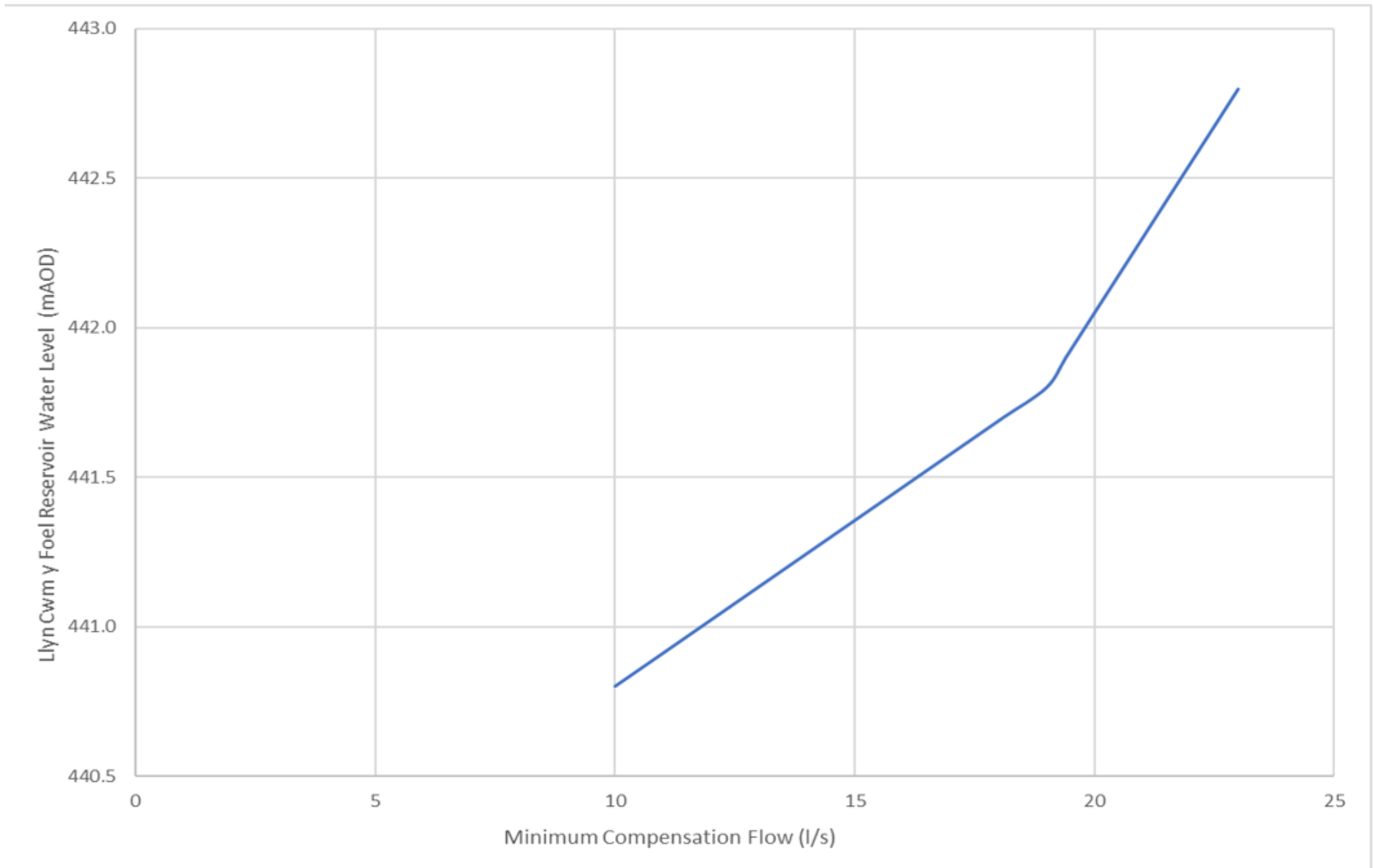
Appendix 1



Llyn Cwm y Foel Reservoir Water Level (mAOD)	Compensation Flow (l/s)
440.8	10
440.9	10.9
441.0	11.8
441.1	12.7
441.2	13.6
441.3	14.5
441.4	15.4
441.5	16.3
441.6	17.2
441.7	18.1
441.8	19
441.9	19.4
442.0	19.8
442.1	20.2
442.2	20.6
442.3	21
442.4	21.4
442.5	21.8
442.6	22.2
442.7	22.6
442.8	23

Calculation Checklist

This checklist shall be used to record the site data and calculate the Hydro Abstraction Factor for the site (HAF_{site}) to allow conversion of electrical output to quantities abstracted. The HAF_{site} is the amount of water used in m^3 per kWhr generated for any period.

Site Data	
Site name	
Address	
Licence serial No.	
Contact name	
Contact telephone	
Contact email	
Turbine manufacturer	
Turbine type	
Turbine serial no.	
Number of jets (where relevant)	

Performance Data		
Parameter	**Value**	**How was the parameter determined?**
Net operating head of the system at maximum power output ($H_{n\ (Pmax)}$) in metres		
Turbine/water wheel efficiency at maximum power output ($e_{turbine/water\ wheel\ (Pmax)}$)		
Transmission system efficiency at maximum power output ($e_{transmission\ (Pmax)}$)		
Generator efficiency at maximum power output ($e_{generator\ (Pmax)}$)		

Calculation of overall system efficiency of the rotating parts of the hydro system, at maximum power output ($e_{system\ (Pmax)}$)

$e_{system\ (Pmax)}$ = $e_{turbine/water\ wheel\ (Pmax)}$ x $e_{transmission\ (Pmax)}$ x $e_{generator\ (Pmax)}$

= [ ] x [ ] x [ ]

$e_{system\ (Pmax)}$ = [ ]

Calculation of HAF_{site}

HAF_{site} = Hydro Abstraction Factor for the site in question

= 366.972 / ($H_{n\ (Pmax)}$ x $e_{system\ (Pmax)}$)

= 366.972 / ([ ] x [ ])

= [ ] **(m3/kWh)**

Where:

$H_{n\ (Pmax)}$ = net head at max. power.

366.972 = a constant in order to bring the final HAF into the correct unit of m3/kWhr (it is arrived at by dividing the number of seconds in an hour (3600) by gravity (9.81 m/s^2)

The volume of water abstracted for any period (**V_{period}**) can then be calculated by simply multiplying the HAF_{site} by the number of kiloWatt hours generated thus:

V_{period} (m3) = kWh_{period} (kWh) x HAF_{site} (m3/kWh)

See example:

(*kWh is a measure of energy, whilst kW is a measure of power: at full efficiency, a 50 kW turbine will produce 50 kWh of energy in one hour, 100 kWh in two hours, 150 kWhrs in three hours etc.).*

Performance Data		
Parameter	**Value**	**How was the parameter determined?**
Net operating head of the system at maximum power output ($H_{n\ (Pmax)}$) in metres	150	Site survey
Turbine/water wheel efficiency at maximum power output ($e_{turbine/water\ wheel\ (Pmax)}$)	0.9	From manufacturer
Transmission system efficiency at maximum power output ($e_{transmission\ (Pmax)}$)	0.85	From manufacturer
Generator efficiency at maximum power output ($e_{generator\ (Pmax)}$)	0.85	From manufacturer

Calculation of overall system efficiency of the rotating parts of the hydro system, at maximum power output ($e_{system\ (Pmax)}$)

$e_{system\ (Pmax)} = e_{turbine/water\ wheel\ (Pmax)} \times e_{transmission\ (Pmax)} \times e_{generator\ (Pmax)}$

= 0.9 x 0.85 x 0.85

$e_{system\ (Pmax)}$ = 0.65

Calculation of HAF_{site}

HAF_{site} = Hydro Abstraction Factor for the site in question

= 366.972 / ($H_{n\ (Pmax)} \times e_{system\ (Pmax)}$)

= 366.972 / (150 x 0.65)

= 3.764 **(m3/kWh)**

The volume of water abstracted for any period (**V_{period}**) can then be calculated by simply multiplying the HAF_{site} by the number of kiloWatt hours generated thus:

V_{period} (m3) = kWh_{period} (kWh) x HAF_{site} (m3/kWh)

If, for example your total export of electricity for the period was 68400 kWh, then you would have abstracted a total volume of water of:

V_{period} (m3) = 68400 kWh x 3.764 m3/kWh = 257457.6 m3

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