

***Case No COMP/M.2181 -
RWE / THAMES WATER***

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**REGULATION (EEC) No 4064/89
MERGER PROCEDURE**

Article 6(1)(b) NON-OPPOSITION
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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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MERGER PROCEDURE
ARTICLE 6(1)(b) DECISION

SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE

PUBLIC VERSION

To the notifying party

Dear Sir,

Subject: Case No. COMP/M. 2181 – RWE/Thames Water

Notification of 28.09.2000 pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89¹

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1. On 28.09.2000, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 by which RWE Aktiengesellschaft acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of the whole of Thames Water plc by way of public bid announced on 25.09.2000.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for RWE : energy, mining and raw materials, environmental services, petroleum and chemicals, industrial systems, and construction;
 - for Thames Water : water supply and waste water disposal.

¹ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrected version OJ L 257 of 21.9.1990, p. 13, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97, OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1, corrigendum in OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

3. After examination of the notification, the Commission has concluded that the notified operation falls within the scope of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 and of paragraph 4, subparagraph c, of the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89².
4. For the reasons set out in the Notice on a simplified procedure, the Commission has decided not to oppose the notified operation and to declare it compatible with the common market and with the EEA Agreement. This decision is adopted in application of Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89.

For the Commission,

Mario MONTI,
Member of the Commission

² OJ C 217, 29.07.2000, p. 32.