

UNITED UTILITIES GROUP PLC

3 JULY 2012

DEFERRED SHARE AWARD SCHEME

The following award was granted today pursuant to the rules of the deferred share award scheme ('the scheme') as approved by the board on 25 November 2008. Under the terms of the scheme, awards (which are structured as options to acquire shares in the company with a zero exercise price) will be satisfied at the end of the vesting period by using shares purchased in the market. Newly issued or treasury shares cannot be used to satisfy awards under this plan. No directors of the company can participate in the scheme. Under the rules, the awards are subject to uplift for notional dividends made or paid during the vesting period. The awards will normally become capable of exercise after the end of the vesting period and must be exercised within 90 days thereafter.

Name of PDMR	No. of ordinary shares awarded	Price per share at award	Price payable on exercise £	Vesting Period
Steven Fraser	19,352	£6.795	nil	03/07/2012 to 3/07/2015

Further information can be obtained from Jane Gilmore, Deputy Company Secretary on 01925 237052

United Utilities Group's ordinary shares trade on the London Stock Exchange and its ADRs, each equal to two ordinary shares, trade over the counter under the Trading Symbol "UUGRY".