

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
Water Supply and Sewerage Services Act
NOTICE OF MAKING OF PRICING ORDER

I, Robyn Jane Lambley, Treasurer, under section 60(5) of the *Water Supply and Sewerage Services Act* give notice that:

- (a) a pricing order has been issued regulating prices for the sale of water supply and sewerage services and other goods and services; and
- (b) the order will have the effect of regulating prices payable for those services from 1 January 2013 to 30 June 2013; and
- (c) a copy of the order may be inspected at, and obtained from, any office of the Power and Water Corporation.

Dated



Treasurer

18/12/12

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PRICING ORDER

I, Robyn Jane Lambley, Treasurer:

- (a) under section 60(1)(a) and (b) of the *Water Supply and Sewerage Services Act* and with reference to section 43 of the *Interpretation Act*, revoke, with effect on 1 January 2013, the pricing order made on 25 June 2009 and notified in *Gazette* No. S32 dated 30 June 2009, as varied; and
- (b) under section 60(1)(a) and (b) of the *Water Supply and Sewerage Services Act*, issue the pricing order set out in the Schedule, to take effect on 1 January 2013 and to remain in force for the period to and including 30 June 2013.

Dated



Treasurer

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SCHEDULE
Pricing order

1 Definitions

In this pricing order:

Corporation means the Power and Water Corporation.

Government customer means:

- (a) an Agency, instrumentality or corporation of the Territory or the Commonwealth whose primary function does not involve providing services or facilities to the public that compete with services provided by the private sector; and
- (b) a council constituted under the *Local Government Act*.

multiple residential customer means a customer who owns or occupies a residential property that is a unit as defined in section 4(1) of the *Unit Titles Act* or section 37 of the *Unit Title Schemes Act*.

non-residential customer means a customer who owns or occupies a property that is not a residential property.

portable meter customer means a customer supplied through a portable meter issued under section 73 of the Act.

regulated services means water supply services, sewerage services and related services supplied to customers by the Corporation under a licence.

related services means:

- (a) services ancillary to the provision of water supply services and sewerage services, if the Corporation has an effective monopoly in the provision of the ancillary services; and
- (b) services ancillary to the ownership or operation of the infrastructure associated with the provision of water supply services or sewerage supply services;

but does not include the acceptance of compliant trade waste that is discharged into a sewer owned and operated by the Corporation.

residential property includes:

- (a) land on which is situated a building or structure used or intended to be used primarily for residential purposes; and
- (b) vacant land zoned for residential purposes;

but does not include land used or intended to be used for commercial purposes, including but not limited to land used or intended to be used for:

- (c) a guest house, hostel, motel, hotel or caravan park; or
- (d) a farming or mining enterprise; or
- (e) a residence attached to a shop or professional suite; or
- (f) premises at which an occupation, business or profession is carried on by a person who resides at the premises.

single residential dwelling customer means a customer who owns or occupies a residential property and is not a multiple residential customer.

stand pipe customer means a customer supplied through stand alone water supply services.

2 Application of pricing order

This pricing order applies only in relation to prices for regulated services supplied by the Corporation during the period from and including 1 January 2013 to and including 30 June 2013.

3 Water supply prices

- (1) Prices for water supply services are to distinguish between the following customers:
 - (a) portable meter customers;
 - (b) government customers;
 - (c) stand pipe customers;
 - (d) all other customers.

- (2) Prices for water supply services to customers mentioned in subclause (1) may consist only of the following:
- (a) for a customer other than a portable meter customer or a standpipe customer – a fixed daily price component, based on the nominal diameter of the customer's meter or the service pipe by which the service is to be supplied to the customer (whether or not water is supplied through the meter or service pipe), that does not exceed the relevant amount specified in Table 1 to this clause;
 - (b) for a customer specified in Table 2 to this clause – a water volumetric component expressed in kilolitres (kL) (including a part of a kilolitre) of water supplied during a meter reading period to a property that does not exceed the relevant amount specified.

Table 1

Diameter nominal (DN) of meter or service pipe	Fixed Daily Price (\$/day)
Up to 25mm	0.7782
26-40mm	1.9919
41-50mm	3.1058
51-100mm	12.5474
101-150mm	28.0071
151-200mm	49.8032
More than 200mm	Area of connected cross-section (in square mm) x 0.7782 490.87

Table 2

Customers	Volumetric Price (\$/kL)
Portable meter customer	2.3810
Government customer	1.9856
Stand pipe customer	2.7636
Any other customer	1.8725

4 Sewerage services prices

- (1) Prices for sewerage services are to distinguish between the following customers:
 - (a) single residential dwelling customers;
 - (b) multiple residential customers;
 - (c) non-residential customers.

- (2) Prices for sewerage services to customers mentioned in subclause (1) may consist only of a fixed annual price, charged on a pro rata basis, that:
 - (a) for a single residential dwelling customer – does not exceed the amount specified in the Table to this clause; or
 - (b) for a multiple residential customer – does not exceed the amount specified in the Table to this clause; or
 - (c) for a non-residential customer – does not exceed the amount calculated by reference to the number of sanitary fittings on the customer's property as specified in the Table to this clause.

Table

Customers	Fixed Annual Price (\$ per annum)
Single residential dwelling customer	795.30
Multiple residential customer	795.30
Non-residential customer	
0 – 2 sanitary fittings	795.30 up to 2 fittings for each
More than 2 sanitary fittings but less than 25	795.30 plus 542.47 for each fitting more than 2
More than 24 sanitary fittings but less than 50	12,729.64 plus 509.05 for each fitting more than 24
More than 49 sanitary fittings but less than 100	25,455.89 plus 472.87 for each fitting more than 49
More than 99 sanitary fittings but less than 150	49,099.39 plus 439.58 for each fitting more than 99
More than 149 sanitary fittings	71,078.39 plus 425.77 for each fitting more than 149

5 Prices for related services

A price for related services may be no more than a fair and reasonable amount taking into consideration the costs of providing the services in an efficient manner.

6 Role of Utilities Commission

The Utilities Commission must:

- (a) monitor compliance with this pricing order; and
- (b) enforce this pricing order under section 23 of the *Utilities Commission Act* in the same way as if it were a determination under that Act; and
- (c) investigate any complaints made to the Utilities Commission by customers that prices to which this pricing order applies do not comply with this order.

