

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Water Supply and Sewerage Services Act

PRICING ORDER

I, SYDNEY JAMES STIRLING, the Treasurer:

- (a) pursuant to section 60(1) of the *Water Supply and Sewerage Services Act* and with reference to section 43 of the *Interpretation Act*, revoke the pricing order signed on 27 April 2005 that took effect on 1 May 2005; and
- (b) pursuant to section 60(1)(a) and (1)(b) of the *Water Supply and Sewerage Services Act*, issue the pricing order specified in the Schedule, to take effect on 1 July 2006 and remain in force to 30 June 2007.

Dated

Treasurer

SCHEDULE

ORDER

1. Definitions

In this Order:

"Government customers" means:

- (a) agencies, instrumentalities or corporations of the Territory or the Commonwealth whose primary functions do not involve providing services or facilities to the public that are services or facilities that compete with services provided by the private sector; and
- (b) councils within the meaning of the *Local Government Act*;

"multiple residential customers" means customers owning or occupying residential properties that are units within the definition of "units" in section 4(1) of the *Unit Titles Act*;

"non-residential customers" means customers owning or occupying properties that are not residential properties;

"portable meter customers" means customers 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 Power and Water Corporation under a licence;

"related services" means:

- (a) services ancillary to the provision of water supply services and sewerage services, if the Power and Water 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 Power and Water Corporation;

"residential properties" 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 customers" means customers owning or occupying a residential property who are not multiple residential customers;

"stand pipe customers" means customers supplied through stand alone water supply services;

"water supply services" means services as defined for the purposes of the *Water Supply and Sewerage Services Act*.

2. Application of Order

(1) This Order only applies in relation to prices for regulated services supplied by the Power and Water Corporation.

(2) A price to which this Order applies is to comply with a restriction on pricing specified in directions or notifications issued in accordance with sections 28, 29 and 30 of the *Government Owned Corporations Act*.

3. Water supply prices

(1) Prices for water supply services are to distinguish between the following customer groups:

- (a) portable meter customers;
- (b) government customers;
- (c) stand pipe customers;
- (d) all other customers,

in accordance with Tables 1 and 2.

(2) Prices for water supply services to the customer groups referred to in subclause (1) may only consist of:

- (a) for all customers except portable meter and stand pipe customers – a fixed daily price component based on the nominal diameter of the meter in relation to the customer 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 amount calculated in accordance with Table 1; and
- (b) for all customers – 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 or properties that does not exceed the amount calculated in accordance with Table 2.

4. Sewerage services prices

(1) Prices for sewerage services are to distinguish between the following customer groups:

- (a) single residential dwelling customers;
- (b) multiple residential customers;
- (c) non-residential customers,

in accordance with Table 3.

(2) Prices for sewerage services to each customer group may only consist of a fixed annual price that:

- (a) for single residential dwelling customers – does not exceed the amount calculated in accordance with Table 3; and
- (b) for multiple residential customers – relates to the number of residential units and does not exceed the amount calculated in accordance with Table 3; and
- (c) for non-residential customers – relates to the number of sanitary fittings on the land and does not exceed the amount calculated in accordance with Table 3.

5. Prices for related services

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

6. Prices to be published

(1) A price to which this Order relates may only be imposed after 2 weeks after the public has been given notice of the price by the Power and Water Corporation.

(2) Notice for the purposes of subclause (1) may be given before the date on which this Order takes effect, but cannot take effect until the date on which this Order takes effect or 2 weeks after the notice is given, whichever occurs later.

7. Role of Utilities Commission

The Utilities Commission must:

- (a) monitor compliance with this Order; and
 - (b) enforce this 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 Order applies do not comply with this Order.
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TABLES

Water supply prices

Table 1 – Fixed daily price component (\$/day), for all customer groups except portable meter and stand pipe customers

Diameter nominal (DN) of meter or service pipe	Fixed Daily Price (\$/day)
Up to 25mm	0.2898
26-40mm	0.7420
41-50mm	1.1568
51-100mm	4.6738
101-150mm	10.4324
151-200mm	18.5511
More than 200mm	$\frac{\text{area of connected cross-section (in square mm)}}{490.87} \times 0.2898$

Table 2 – Water volumetric component (\$/kL), by customer group

Customer group	Volumetric Price (\$/kL)
Portable meter customers	0.8834
Government customers	0.7362
Stand pipe customers	1.0260
Other customers	0.6941

Sewerage services prices

Table 3 – Fixed annual price (\$/pa), by customer group

Customer group	Fixed Annual Price (\$/per annum)
Single residential dwelling customers	330.43
Multiple residential customers	330.43 x number of sanitary fittings
Non-residential customers	
More than 2 sanitary fittings but less than 25	330.43 plus 224.95 for each fitting more than 2
More than 24 sanitary fittings but less than 50	5,279.34 plus 211.02 for each fitting more than 24
More than 49 sanitary fittings but less than 100	10,554.78 plus 195.92 for each fitting more than 49
More than 99 sanitary fittings but less than 150	20,351.03 plus 182.04 for each fitting more than 99
More than 149 sanitary fittings	29,453.19 plus 176.26 for each fitting more than 149

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NOTICE OF MAKING OF PRICING ORDER

I, SYDNEY JAMES STIRLING, the Treasurer, pursuant to section 60(5) and (6) of the *Water Supply and Sewerage Services Act*, give notice that a pricing order has been made regulating the prices for the sale of water supply and sewerage services and other goods and services that will have the effect of regulating the maximum prices payable for those services from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007.

Copies of the pricing order are available at any office of the Power and Water Corporation for inspection by members of the public.

Dated

Treasurer