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

- I, David William Tollner, Treasurer, under section 60(5) of the *Water Supply and Sewerage Services Act*, give notice that:
- (a) a pricing order regulating prices for the sale of water supply and sewerage services has been issued; and
- (b) the order will have the effect of regulating those prices for the period from1 May 2013 to 31 December 2013; and
- (c) a copy of the order may be inspected at, and obtained from, any office of the Power and Water Corporation.

Dated

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# I, David William Tollner, 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 May 2013, the pricing order:
  - (i) dated 18 December 2012 and notified in *Gazette* No. S77 dated 19 December 2012; and
  - (ii) that took effect on 1 January 2013; 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 May 2013 and to remain in force for the period to and including 31 December 2013.

Dated

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Treasurer

#### **SCHEDULE**

#### WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SERVICES PRICING ORDER

#### 1 Definitions

In this pricing order:

Corporation means the Power and Water Corporation.

Government customer means one of the following:

- (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;
- (b) a council constituted under the *Local Government Act*.

**Greenhouse Gas Emission Scheme** means a scheme under a law in force in the Territory relating to the production, emission, reduction, limitation, cessation, prevention, offset, sequestration or management of Greenhouse Gas emissions or concentrations.

*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 in relation to prices for regulated services supplied to customers by the Corporation during the period from 1 May 2013 to 31 December 2013.

## 3 Water supply – prices for customers generally

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.

# 4 Water supply – fixed daily price for specified customers

- (1) This clause applies to all customers except portable meter customers and stand pipe customers.
- (2) A customer to whom this clause applies may be charged a fixed daily price component that:
  - (a) is 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) as specified in the following table; and
  - (b) does not exceed the relevant amount specified in the table.

Nominal diameter of meter or service pipe	Fixed daily price (\$)
Up to 25 mm	0.7225
26 – 40 mm	1.8496
41 – 50 mm	2.8839
51 – 100 mm	11.6511
101 – 150 mm	26.0066
151 – 200 mm	46.2458
More than 200 mm	Area of connected cross-section (in square mm) x 0.7225
	490.87

### 5 Water volumetric component price for all customers

A customer specified in the following table may be charged a price for a volumetric component of water, expressed in kilolitres (kL) (including a part of a kilolitre), that:

- (a) is supplied to a property during a meter reading period; and
- (b) does not exceed the relevant amount specified in the table.

Customers	Charge per kL (\$)
Portable meter customer	2.2022
Government customer	1.8351
Stand pipe customer	2.5576
Other customer	1.7300

# 6 Water supply – Greenhouse Gas Emission Scheme price

The prices charged in accordance with clause 5 are to include the following additional amount in relation to the introduction of a Greenhouse Gas Emission Scheme:

- (a) for the period 1 May 2013 to 30 June 2013 0.93 cents per kL;
- (b) for the period 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 0.66 cents per kL.

# 7 Sewerage services – prices for customers generally

Prices for sewerage services are to distinguish between the following customers:

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

# 8 Sewerage services – annual price for single residential dwelling customer and multiple residential customer

- (1) This clause applies to single residential dwelling customers and multiple residential customers.
- (2) A customer to whom this clause applies may be charged, on a pro rata basis, a fixed annual price for sewerage services that does not exceed \$728.69.

# 9 Sewerage services – annual price for non-residential customer

A non-residential customer may be charged, on a pro rata basis, for sewerage services supplied to a property, a fixed annual price that:

(a) is based on a calculation relevant to the number of sanitary fittings on the property as specified in the following table; and

(b) does not exceed the relevant amount specified in the table.

Number of sanitary fittings	Fixed Annual Price (\$)
0 - 2 sanitary fittings	728.69
More than 2 sanitary fittings but less than 25	728.69 plus 496.09 for each fitting more than 2
More than 24 sanitary fittings but less than 50	11 642.67 plus 465.34 for each fitting more than 24
More than 49 sanitary fittings but less than 100	23 276.17 plus 432.04 for each fitting more than 49
More than 99 sanitary fittings but less than 150	44 878.17 plus 401.43 for each fitting more than 99
More than 149 sanitary fittings	64 949.67 plus 388.72 for each fitting more than 149

# 10 Sewerage services – Greenhouse Gas Emission Scheme price

The prices charged in accordance with clauses 8 and 9 are to include the following additional amount in relation to the introduction of a Greenhouse Gas Emission Scheme:

- (a) for the period 1 May 2013 to 30 June 2013:
  - (i) in relation to a customer mentioned in clause 8(1) \$3.25; and
  - (ii) in relation to a customer mentioned in clause 9 who has 0 to 2 sanitary fittings on the property \$3.25; and
  - (iii) in relation to a customer mentioned in clause 9 who has more than 2 sanitary fittings on the property \$3.25 for each sanitary fitting more than 2;
- (b) for the period 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013:
  - (i) in relation to a customer mentioned in clause 8(1) \$0.73; and
  - (ii) in relation to a customer mentioned in clause 9 who has 0 to 2 sanitary fittings on the property \$0.73; and
  - (iii) in relation to a customer mentioned in clause 9 who has more than 2 sanitary fittings on the property \$0.73 for each sanitary fitting more than 2.

#### 11 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.

#### 12 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.

#### 13 Transitional matter

- (1) The first time a customer is charged for regulated services on or after 1 May 2013, the charges must be reduced by the prescribed amount.
- (2) For subclause (1), the prescribed amount by which the charges must be reduced is the difference between:
  - (a) the amount the customer was charged under the pricing order for regulated services that had effect immediately before 1 May 2013; and
  - (b) the amount the customer would have been charged if this pricing order had taken effect on 1 January 2013.