

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
Water Supply and Sewerage Services Act
NOTICE OF ISSUING 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 from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014; and
- (c) a copy of the order may be inspected at, and obtained from, any office of the Power and Water Corporation.

Dated

17 December 2013



Treasurer

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Water Supply and Sewerage Services Act

PRICING ORDER

I, David William Tollner, Treasurer, 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 2014 and to remain in force for 1 year.

Dated 17 December 2013



Treasurer

SCHEDULE

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SERVICES PRICING ORDER

1 Definitions

In this pricing order:

Corporation means the Power and Water Corporation.

government water 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 the 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 dwelling sewerage customer, see clause 9(2).

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

portable meter water customer means a customer who uses 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.

related services means:

- (a) services ancillary to 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 water supply services or sewerage services;

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

residential dwelling includes:

- (a) a unit as defined section 4(1) of the *Unit Titles Act* or section 37 of the *Unit Title Schemes Act*; and
- (b) any other building intended to be used primarily as a residence.

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

stand pipe water customer means a customer supplied water through stand alone service pipe.

2 Application of pricing order

This pricing order regulates prices for the sale of regulated services to the customers of the Corporation during the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014.

3 Water supply – prices for customers generally

Prices for water supply services are to distinguish between the following customers:

- (a) portable meter water customers;
- (b) government water customers;
- (c) stand pipe water customers;
- (d) all other customers to whom water supply services are sold.

4 Water supply – fixed daily price for specified customers

- (1) This clause applies to the customers mentioned in clause 3(b) and (d).
- (2) The customer 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	0.7586
26 – 40 mm	1.9421
41 – 50 mm	3.0281
51 – 100 mm	12.2337
101 – 150 mm	27.3069
151 – 200 mm	48.5581
More than 200 mm	Area of connected cross-section (in square mm) x 0.7586 490.87

5 Water volumetric 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 (including a part of a kilolitre), that:

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

Customers	Price per kL (\$)
Portable meter water customer	2.3123
Government water customer	1.9269
Stand pipe water customer	2.6855
All other customers to whom water supply services are sold	1.8165

6 Water supply – Greenhouse Gas Emission Scheme price

For the period 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014, the prices charged in accordance with clause 5 are to include the additional amount of 0.66 cents per kilolitre in relation to the Greenhouse Gas Emission Scheme.

7 Sewerage services – prices for customers generally

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

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

8 Sewerage services – annual price for single residential dwelling sewerage customer

A single residential dwelling sewerage customer may be charged, on a pro rata basis, a fixed annual price for sewerage services that does not exceed \$765.12.

9 Sewerage services – annual price for multiple residential dwelling sewerage customer

(1) A multiple residential dwelling sewerage customer may be charged, on a pro rata basis, a fixed annual price for sewerage services that does not exceed \$765.12 for each residential dwelling on the residential property owned or occupied by the customer.

(2) A customer is a **multiple residential dwelling sewerage customer** if:

- (a) the customer is the owner of a residential property or the occupier of a residential dwelling on a residential property; and
- (b) there are 2 or more residential dwellings on the property; and
- (c) 2 or more of the dwellings contain sanitary fittings; and
- (d) in relation to:
 - (i) a customer who is the owner of the property – the customer has a tenancy agreement or similar agreement with the occupiers of the residential dwellings; or
 - (ii) a customer who is the occupier of a residential dwelling on the property – the customer has a tenancy agreement or similar agreement with the occupiers of the other residential dwellings.

10 Sewerage services – annual price for non-residential sewerage customer

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

- (a) is calculated with reference 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	765.12
More than 2 sanitary fittings but less than 25	765.12 plus 520.89 for each fitting more than 2
More than 24 sanitary fittings but less than 50	12 224 .70 plus 488.61 for each fitting more than 24
More than 49 sanitary fittings but less than 100	24 439.95 plus 453.64 for each fitting more than 49
More than 99 sanitary fittings but less than 150	47 121.95 plus 421.50 for each fitting more than 99
More than 149 sanitary fittings	68 196.95 plus 408.16 for each fitting more than 149

11 Sewerage services – Greenhouse Gas Emission Scheme price

For the period 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014, the prices charged in accordance with clauses 8, 9 and 10 are to include the following additional amount in relation to the Greenhouse Gas Emission Scheme:

- (a) for a customer mentioned in clause 8 – \$0.73;
- (b) for a customer mentioned in clause 9(1) – \$0.73 for each residential dwelling;
- (c) for a customer mentioned in clause 10 who has 0 to 2 sanitary fittings on the property – \$0.73;
- (d) for a customer mentioned in clause 10 who has more than 2 sanitary fittings on the property – \$0.73 for each sanitary fitting more than 2.

12 Prices for related services

A price charged for related services must be a fair and reasonable amount taking into consideration the costs of providing the services in an efficient manner.

13 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.