

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

I, Delia Phoebe Lawrie, 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 and other services has been made; and
- (b) the pricing order has the effect of regulating the maximum prices for the sale of those services from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2013; and
- (c) copies of the pricing order may be inspected at or obtained from any office of the Power and Water Corporation.

Dated

25 JUN 2009



Treasurer

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

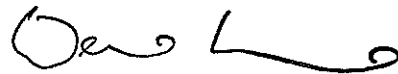
Water Supply and Sewerage Services Act

PRICING ORDER

I, Delia Phoebe Lawrie, 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 July 2009 and remain in force to 30 June 2013.

Dated

25 JUN 2009



Treasurer

SCHEDULE

Pricing order

1 Definitions

In this pricing order:

Corporation means the Power and Water Corporation established under section 4 of the *Power and Water Corporation Act*.

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 constituted under the *Local Government Act*.

multiple residential customers means customers owning or occupying residential properties that are units as defined in section 4(1) of the *Unit Titles Act* or section 37 of the *Unit Title Schemes 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 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 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 customer 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, see section 4 of the *Water Supply and Sewerage Services Act*.

2 Application of pricing order

- (1) This pricing order only applies in relation to prices for regulated services supplied by the Corporation.
- (2) A price to which this pricing order applies must comply with a restriction on pricing specified in directions or notifications issued under 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 mentioned in subclause (1) for the periods 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 and 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 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.
- (3) Prices for water supply services to the customer groups mentioned in subclause (1) for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 must be calculated in accordance with the formula:

$$p_t = p_{t-1}(1 + \text{CPI})$$

where:

p_t is the price to be charged for the relevant service in the period;
and

p_{t-1} is the price paid for the relevant service in the previous period;
and

CPI is the consumer price index factor used in the Northern Territory Government Budget for the period identified. If a CPI factor is not used in the Budget then CPI will mean an index determined by the Treasurer that is the best estimate of CPI.

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 Tables 3, 4 and 5.

(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 for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, Table 4 for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 and Table 5 for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012; or
- (b) for multiple residential customers – relates to the number of residential units and does not exceed the amount calculated in accordance with Table 3 for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, Table 4 for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 and Table 5 for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012; or
- (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 for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, Table 4 for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 and Table 5 for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

- (3) Prices for sewerage services to the customer groups mentioned in subclause (1) for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 must be calculated in accordance with the formula:

$$p_t = p_{t-1}(1 + \text{CPI})$$

where:

p_t is the price to be charged for the relevant service in the period;
and

p_{t-1} is the price paid for the relevant service in the previous period;
and

CPI is the consumer price index factor used in the Northern Territory Government Budget for the period identified. If a CPI factor is not used in the Budget then CPI will mean an index determined by the Treasurer that is the best estimate of CPI.

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 service 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.

TABLES

Water supply prices

Table 1 – Fixed daily price component (\$/day), for all customer groups except portable meter and stand pipe customers for the periods 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010; 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011; and 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

Diameter nominal (DN) of meter or service pipe	Fixed Daily Price (\$/day)		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Up to 25mm	0.3755	0.4506	0.5407
26-40mm	0.9611	1.1533	1.3840
41-50mm	1.4986	1.7983	2.1580
51-100mm	6.0544	7.2653	8.7183
101-150mm	13.5140	16.2168	19.4602
151-200mm	24.0311	28.8373	34.6048
More than 200mm	Area of connected cross-section (in square mm) X 0.3755	Area of connected cross-section (in square mm) X 0.4506	Area of connected cross-section (in square mm) X 0.5407
	490.87	490.87	490.87

Table 2 – Water volumetric component (\$/kL), by customer group for the periods 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010; 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011; and 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

Customer Group	Volumetric Price (\$/kL)		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Portable meter customers	1.1444	1.3733	1.6479
Government customers	0.9536	1.1443	1.3732
Stand pipe customers	1.3290	1.5948	1.9138
Other customers	0.8990	1.0788	1.2946

Sewerage services prices

**Table 3 – Fixed annual price (\$/pa), by customer group for the period
1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010**

Customer Group	Fixed Annual Price (\$ per annum)
Single residential dwelling customers	428.04
Multiple residential customers	428.04
Non-residential customers	
0 – 2 sanitary fittings	428.04 up to 2 fittings
More than 2 sanitary fittings but less than 25	428.04 plus 291.41 for each fitting more than 2
More than 24 sanitary fittings but less than 50	6,839.06 plus 273.35 for each fitting more than 24
More than 49 sanitary fittings but less than 100	13,672.81 plus 253.79 for each fitting more than 49
More than 99 sanitary fittings but less than 150	26,362.31 plus 235.81 for each fitting more than 99
More than 149 sanitary fittings	38,152.81 plus 228.34 for each fitting more than 149

**Table 4 – Fixed annual price (\$/pa), by customer group for the period
1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011**

Customer Group	Fixed Annual Price (\$ per annum)
Single residential dwelling customers	513.65
Multiple residential customers	513.65
Non-residential customers	
0 – 2 sanitary fittings	513.65 up to 2 fittings
More than 2 sanitary fittings but less than 25	513.65 plus 349.69 for each fitting more than 2
More than 24 sanitary fittings but less than 50	8,206.83 plus 328.02 for each fitting more than 24
More than 49 sanitary fittings but less than 100	16,407.33 plus 304.55 for each fitting more than 49
More than 99 sanitary fittings but less than 150	31,634.83 plus 282.97 for each fitting more than 99
More than 149 sanitary fittings	45,783.33 plus 274.01 for each fitting more than 149

**Table 5 – Fixed annual price (\$/pa), by customer group for the period
1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012**

Customer Group	Fixed Annual Price (\$ per annum)
Single residential dwelling customers	616.38
Multiple residential customers	616.38
Non-residential customers	
0 – 2 sanitary fittings	616.38 up to 2 fittings
More than 2 sanitary fittings but less than 25	616.38 plus 419.63 for each fitting more than 2
More than 24 sanitary fittings but less than 50	9,848.24 plus 393.62 for each fitting more than 24
More than 49 sanitary fittings but less than 100	19,688.74 plus 365.46 for each fitting more than 49
More than 99 sanitary fittings but less than 150	37,961.74 plus 339.56 for each fitting more than 99
More than 149 sanitary fittings	54,939.74 plus 328.81 for each fitting more than 149