

# **STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS**

**2004 No. 44**

## **THE WATER STATUTE (GENERAL RATES) INSTRUMENT, 2004**

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### **The Water Statute (General Rates) Instrument, 2004**

*(Under the Water Statute, Statute 9, 1995)*

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Minister by section 107(2)(q) of the Water Statute, this instrument is made this 8th day of July, 2004.

#### **1. Title and commencement date**

This instrument may be cited as the Water Statute (General Rates) Instrument, 2004 and shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of July, 2004

2. The rates specified in the second column of the First Schedule hereto shall be the rates payable in respect of consumers specified in the first column thereof, in the towns in which National Water and Sewerage Corporation supplies water and provides sewerage services as specified in the Second Schedule hereto.

#### **3. Indexation of the NWSC Tariff**

The above mentioned rates will be subject to annual indexation against the domestic price index, exchange rate, foreign price index and the electricity tariff.

The indexation will be carried out on a financial year basis and will apply on the 1st July of each year. The indexation will be based upon the following formular.

$$T_0 (a?I + b?FI?FX + c?K) = T_1$$

Whereby

$T_0$  = Tariff level at end of year zero.

$a$  = Proportion of tariff associated with local salaries, and locally sourced goods based on the previous years audited financial Accounts.

$?$  = Change.

$I$  = Domestic retail price index as published by the Bureau of Statistics and based on the underlying inflation rate.

$b$  = the proportion of the tariff associated with foreign costs, i.e. foreign inputs in the production process based on the previous years audited financial accounts.

$FI$  = Foreign retail price index based on the US Bureau of Labour Statistics.

$FX$  = US Dollar to shilling exchange rate based on the Bank of Uganda mid exchange rate as at the 30th June of each financial year.

$c$  = Proportion of tariff associated with electrical power based on % of electricity cost to total cost as a proxy. (Audited financial Accounts).

$K$  = Price of electrical power per unit.

$T_1$  = Indexed Tariff at beginning of year one.

#### **4. Service Lines**

Effective July 2004, the NWSC will provide and maintain all water service lines to its customers. To enable the Corporation do this, all service lines shall belong to the NWSC. Accordingly, in order to defray the costs of this additional service to customers, the rates will be adjusted by an average of 10% for all customer categories except those consuming over 500 cu.m of water per month.

**5. S.I. No. 23 of 2002**

The Water (General Rates) Regulations, 2002 is hereby amended accordingly.

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## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE

#### 1. WATER SUPPLY

CONSUMER CATEGORY	RATE
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##### 1.1 PUBLIC STAND PIPES

(a) Unmetered	.....	Shs. 39,075	per month
(b) Metered	.....	Shs. 521	per cubic meter
(c) Service charges	.....	Shs. 2,000	per month

##### 1.2 RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

(a) Unmetered			
1 tap	.....	Shs. 4,836	per month
2-4 taps	.....	Shs. 14,508	per month
5-8 taps	.....	Shs. 24,180	per month
Over 8 taps	.....	Shs. 36,270	per month
(b) Metered	.....	Shs. 806	per cubic meter
(c) Service Charges			
1/2"	.....	Shs. 1500	per month
3/4"	.....	Shs. 2000	per month
1"	.....	Shs. 5000	per month
Yard tap	.....	Shs. 2000	per month

##### 1.3 INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT

(a) Unmetered	.....	Shs. Assessed on estimated	Consumption at metered rates
(b) Metered	.....	Shs. 993	per cubic meter
(c) Service Charges			
1/2"	.....	Shs. 2,000	
3/4"	.....	Shs. 3,000	
1"	.....	Shs. 5,000	
2"	.....	Shs. 8,000	
3"	.....	Shs. 10,000	
4"	.....	Shs. 15,000	
6"	.....	Shs. 20,000	

##### 1.4 MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL

(a) Metered			
First 500 cubic meters per month	...	Shs. 1,379	per cu meter
501 – 1500 cubic meters per month	...	Shs. 1,421	per cu meter
Over 1500 cubic meters per month	...	Shs. 1,324	per cu meter
(b) Unmetered			
.....		Assessed on estimated	

consumption at metered  
rates.

(c) Service Charges		Shs.
1/2"	.....	2,000
3/4"	.....	5,000
1"	.....	7,500
2"	.....	10,000
3"	.....	15,000
4"	.....	20,000
6"	.....	30,000

#### 1.5 MINOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL

(a) Metered	.....	Shs. 1,379	per cu meter
(b) Unmetered	.....	Assessed on estimated consumption at metered rates.	

(c) Service charges		Shs.
1/2"	.....	2,000
3/4"	.....	5,000
1"	.....	7,500
2"	.....	10,000
3"	.....	15,000
4"	.....	20,000
6"	.....	30,000

- 1.6 MIXED COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND/OR DOMESTIC  
Where water is supplied on a common connection to mixed commercial, industrial, institutional and/or domestic premises, all water will be charged at the highest tariff rate applicable.

#### 2.0 CONNECTION FEES

(Up to 50 meters from the NWSC service point, all materials and other costs including road reinstatement to be met by the Corporation. The cost in excess of 50 meters to be met by applicant).

1/2"	supply	.....Shs.	50,000
3/4"	supply	.....Shs.	100,000

#### CONSUMER CATEGORY

1"	supply	.....	Shs.	200,000
2"	supply	.....	Shs.	750,000
Above 2"	supply	.....	Shs.	1,500,000

#### 3.0 RECONNECTION FEES

After disconnection for non-payment of water charges

All connections below 2"	.....	Shs.	10,000
Connections 2" and above	.....	Shs.	20,000

#### 4.0 PENALTIES

(a) Where a consumer makes an illegal connection, removes or by passes a meter  
 ..... Shs. 400,000  
 plus a charge for water consumed during  
 the .....  
 last 24 months.

(b) Damage of installed water meter

1/2"	.....	Shs. 50,000
3/4"	.....	Shs. 70,000
1"	.....	Shs. 115,000
1 1/2"	.....	Shs. 258,000
2"	.....	Shs. 287,000
3"	.....	Shs. 300,000
4"	.....	Shs. 418,000
6"	.....	Shs. 485,000

(c) Destruction of water meter.....Actual cost of replacement.

5.0 DEPOSITS

The Corporation is empowered to take deposits for water and sewerage services calculated at six months estimated charges.

6.0 BULK WATER RATES

The Bulk Water Supply tariff shall be levied on authorised operators who will re-sell the water to consumers through a piped water distribution net work. It shall be determined by the Corporation depending on the area of supply but shall not exceed 800 shillings per cubic meter.

CONSUMER CATEGORY

7.0 SEWERAGE SERVICES

7.1 Sewerage charges for all properties connected to sewers.

- (a) Domestic ..... 75% of water charge  
 (b) Other categories ..... 100% of water charge

7.2 Connection Fees

(All materials and other costs including road reinstatement to be met by applicant).

		Shs.
4"	.....	100,000
6"	.....	125,000
over 6"	.....	167,000

## SECOND SCHEDULE

### TOWNS IN WHICH NWSC SUPPLIES WATER AND PROVIDES SEWERAGE SERVICES

1. Kampala (including Kajjansi and Nansana)
2. Jinja/Njeru
3. Entebbe
4. Mbarara
5. Tororo
6. Mbale
7. Masaka
8. Lira
9. Gulu
10. Fort Portal
11. Kasese
12. Kabale
13. Bushenyi/Ishaka
14. Arua
15. Soroti
16. Mukono
17. Lugazi
18. Iganga
19. Malaba

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