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GENERAL PRICES (AMENDMENT No. 7) ORDER 2003

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A Prices Order to amend the General Prices Order 2000.

MADE by the Prices Controller under the *Prices Regulation Act* (Chapter 320) to come into operation on 16th of April, 2003.

These relates to the maximum Water and Sewerage rates for all Water Supply and Sewerage Services Districts. All charges and fees (other than arrears) shown on accounts issued on or after 16th April, 2003 become due and payable to the following rates.

CHARGES BASED ON WATER METER READING

1. Water Supply

	<i>Domestic—Metered (Monthly)</i> (Kina)	<i>Non-Domestic—Metered (Monthly)</i> (Kina)
Up to 12 kilo litres	4.800 Minimum Charge	4.800 Minimum Charge
13 to 30 kilo litres	1.150 per kilo litre	1.150 per kilo litre
Above 30 kilo litres	1.950 per kilo litre	1.950 per kilo litre

Water Tankers

	(Kina)
Up to 10 kilo litres	19.50 per tanker
Above 10 kilo litres	1.950 per kilo litre

2. Sewerage Services

	<i>Domestic—Water Meter Base</i> (monthly) (Kina)	<i>Non-Domestic—Water Meter Base</i> (monthly) (Kina)
Up to 12 kilo litres	5.590 Minimum Charge	5.590 Minimum Charge
13 to 30 kilo litres	0.400 per kilo litre	0.400 per kilo litre
Above 30 kilo litres	0.500 per kilo litre	0.500 per kilo litre

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	(Kina)
Up to 10 kilo litres	5.590 per tanker
Above 10 kilo litres	0.500 per kilo litre

3. Charges Based on Effluent Meter Reading

If the user makes a request in writing, or if the Waterboard directs, the sewerage charge shall be based on an effluent meter reading; the user shall bear the cost of installation at cost.

Domestic

Effluent Meters	Not applicable
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Non-Domestic (see notes k and l)

	(Kina)
Assessed volume by the Board at less than 30 kilo litres per month	0.500 per kilo litre (flat)
Assessed or actual volume in excess of 30 kilo litres per month	0.750 per kilo litre (flat)

4. Connections/Junction Fees (Charges based on a Flat Fee)*New Connections—Water and Sewerage*

For standard new connection of 15 mm diameter measuring not more than 26 meters from the nearest main	No Fee
For all other connections:	At cost

Reconnection—Water

	(Kina)
Where services have not been disconnected (e.g. change of tenancy only)	25.00
Where services have been disconnected and water meter removed	25.00

Reconnection—Sewerage

Reconnections	Not applicable
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5. Compliance and Licence Fees

Licensing Fees (Payable Six Monthly in Advance)

	<i>Domestic</i> Kina per kilo litre	<i>Non-Domestic</i> Kina per kilo litre
Taking of water from any source	0.005 per annum	0.025 per annum
Discharge of waste water	0.005 per annum	0.025 per annum
Minimum Fee	50.000 per annum	150.00 per annum

Meter Rental Fee

Meter for Up to 15 mm diameter pipe	K50.00 per annum
Meter for connections greater than 15 mm diameter piping ...	K100.00 per annum
Effluent Meters	K150.00 per annum

Meter Connection Fees for Water Supply and Waste Water Discharge (Not Operated by the PNG Waterboard)

	Within Urban K	Outside Urban K
Connections for Up to 15 mm diameter pipe	100.00	50.00
Connections greater than 15 mm diameter piping	300.00	150.00
Effluent Meters	500.00	250.00

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Per Water Test	K35.00
Per Sewerage Outfall Test	K35.00

Standby Fees (Waterboard Declared Areas Only)*Water System*

Where a public water supply is available to supply any person or entity and they choose to disconnect or connect to the public supply, a water system standby fee shall apply based upon water taken from any source provided approval is given by the Waterboard and the source proves with regular testing to be better or equal to the public supply.

Water standby fee (metered)	K0.532 per kilo litre
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Sewerage Services

Where a public sewerage service is able to service any person or entity and they choose to disconnect from the public water supply or not connect to the public sewerage service, a standby fee shall apply that covers the unsubsidised cost of providing sewerage services.

Sewerage standby fee (metered)	K0.393 per kilo litre
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6. Charges—Out Rates and Fees for External Services*Labour Charges*

As per contract quotation

Prints and Documents

As per contract quotation

7. Fees for Other Services*Services***Approval for Small Water Supply/Sewerage Schemes**

	Kina
Approvals of drawings for small Rural Schemes	150.00
For all other Schemes	500.00
Inspection of Service Connection Water Supply	70.00
Inspection of Service Connection Sewerage	70.00
Meter Testing—sizes 15 mm to 20 mm	20.00
Meter Testing—sizes 25 mm to 50 mm	40.00
Meter Testing—sizes over 50 mm	50.00
All other Services	As per contract quotation

Notes:

- (a) Charges based on meter readings under items 1 and 3 have been set on per connection basis.
- (b) In the case of multiple residential buildings, such as flats, dormitories, duplexes, etc., the user may apply to be charged on the basis of the domestic tariff 1.0 to 1.2 and 2.0 to 2.2 above.
- (c) If a connection serves a mixed occupancy property, the higher tariff scale shall apply.
- (d) All charges under items 4 and 7 must be paid in advance, unless special arrangements are made with the District Manager. All charges under items 1 and 3 must be paid within 30 days after the date of delivery of an account. Failure to pay accounts within the stipulated period will lead to service being disconnected and recovery action being taken. The user of the service and/or the owner of the property is responsible for paying bills or for ensuring that bills are paid.
- (e) The customer is responsible for the cost of connecting to the building from the property boundary.

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- (f) For temporary new connections, the water charges will be the same as for Commercial/Industrial (Non Domestic) customers under items 1 to 3.
- (g) Water taken for the purpose of watering the crops, irrigation and livestock if in the PNG Waterboard's opinion and under the condition of the license, constitute minimum risk to the public health may be exempted from licensing fee as per item 5.5.
- (h) Under tariff item 5, all water taking in excess of 30 kilo litres per year shall be metered unless granted an exemption by the Waterboard.
- (i) Under tariff item 5, licensing fees paid six monthly in advance will be adjusted in arrears to the meter volume.
- (j) Under tariff item 5, schools and Health services for the purposes of compliance fees and licenses shall be classified as domestic.
- (k) Where in a declared Waterboard area a person or entity continues using the public supply for waster and sewerage (meter rental shall not apply) and makes a request in writing, or if the Waterboard directs, the sewerage charge shall be based on an effluent meter reading 3.2 to 3.3; the user shall bear the cost of installation.
- (l) Where in a declared Waterboard area a person or entity can connect to both the public water and sewerage services and elects to use only sewerage services an effluent meter shall be installed at the cost of the user with applicable service fees 3.2 and 3.3 and meter rentals as per tariff items 5.7 to 5.9 shall apply.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2003.

T. ABE,
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