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**The Water Act (General Rates) Instrument, 2006**

*(Under the Water Act, Cap 152 Laws of Uganda)*

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Minister by section 107(2)(q) of the Water Act, this instrument is made this 21st day of July, 2006.

**1. Title and commencement date**

This instrument may be cited as the Water Act (General Rates) Instrument, 2006 and shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of July, 2006.

2. The rates specified in the First schedule hereto shall be the rates payable in respect of consumers specified in the Second Schedule therein.

**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.

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

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.

$\Delta$  = 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.

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

**4. Water 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. Sewerage Connection Policy**

Effective July 2006, the NWSC will provide and maintain all sewer service lines to its customers. To enable the Corporation do this, all sewer 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 7.4% for all customer categories except those

consuming over 1,500 cu.m of water per month whose tariff will be adjusted by 5%.

**6. S.I. No. 44 of 2004**

The Water (General Rates) Regulations, 2004 is hereby amended accordingly.

**SCHEDULES FIRST  
SCHEDULE**

**1. WATER SUPPLY**

**CONSUMER CATEGORY RATE**

**1.1 PUBLIC STAND PIPES**

- (a) Unmetered ..... Shs. 51,600 per month
- (b) Metered ..... Shs. 688 per cubic meter
- (c) Service charges ..... Shs. 2,000 per month

**1.2 RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS**

- (a) Unmetered
  - 1 tap ..... Shs. 6,384 per month
  - 2-4 taps ..... Shs. 19,152 per month
  - 5-8 taps ..... Shs. 31,920 per month
  - Over 8 taps ..... Shs. 47,880 per month
- (b) Metered ..... Shs. 1,064 per cubic meter
- (c) Service Charges
  - 1/2" ..... Shs. 1,500 per month
  - 3/4" ..... Shs. 2,000 per month
  - 1" ..... Shs. 5,000 per month
  - Yard tap ..... Shs. 2,000 per month

**1.3 INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT**

- (a) Unmetered ..... Assessed on estimated Consumption at metered rates
- (b) Metered ..... Shs. 1,310 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. 1,716 per cu meter
  - 501 - 1500 cubic meters per month ... Shs. 1,716 per cu meter

Over 1500 cubic meters per month  
meter

... Shs. 1,496 per cu

(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. 1,716 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. 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 ...

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

3. 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. PENALTIES

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

(b) Damage of installed water

meter		Shs	50.000
1/2"	.....	.	70.000
3/4"	.....	Shs	115.000
1"	.....	.	258.000
1 1/2"	.....	Shs	287.000
2"	.....	.	300.000
3"	.....	Shs	418.000
4"	.....	.	485.000
6"	.....	Shs	
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(c).....Destruction of water meter Actual cost of replacement.

5. DEPOSITS

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

6. 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. 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

(Up to 60 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 60 meters to be met by applicant).

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

Shs.

## 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
20. Masindi
21. Hoima
22. Mubende

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