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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 30.

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. Cap 152

1. 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.

Title and
Commence-
ment Date

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

Indexation
of the
NWSC
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 formula.

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

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.

- Δ = 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.

Water
Service
Lines.

4. 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.

Sewerage
Connection
Policy

5. 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%.

S.I. No. 44
of 2004.

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

1. WATER SUPPLY

CONSUMER CATEGORY	RATE
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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	...	Shs. 1,496 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. 1,716 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.

2.0 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

(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).

	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
20. Masindi
21. Hoima
22. Mubende

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