

## **2013-14 Special Agreement Register: Wessex Water Services Ltd**

### **Special Agreement Information**

#### **Potable Water**

##### **WSXPOT2**

Agreed in April 1973 to run for 80 years and terminate in April 2053. Wessex Water was sold land by the Estate which also granted to Wessex Water easements and access to other parts of the Estate for abstraction.

##### **WSXPOT3**

Agreement dates unknown. Customer pays 7/13 of Wessex Water's standard volumetric rate and no standing charge.

##### **WSXPOT4**

This agreement commenced in December 1935 to run indefinitely. Customer sold land to Wessex Water and in return customer receives up to 5,000 gallons of free water per day.

##### **WSXPOT5**

This agreement commenced in December 1915 to run for 999 years with effect from March 1911. Customer sold land to Wessex Water and in return customer receives up to 200 gallons of free water per day.

##### **WSXPOT7**

This agreement commenced between 1958 and 1962 with no fixed duration period. Free water is supplied to customer in return for capital contributions made by customer in respect of the headworks at reservoir and the joint mains used to supply a specified area and adjacent areas.

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### **WSXPOT8**

This contract was agreed on 1 April 2007 for an indefinite period. Customer uses around 4 MI per annum. Bristol Water's standard charges apply.

### **Non-potable water**

There are no special agreements for the supply of non-potable water.

### **Sewerage**

#### **WSXSEW1**

This agreement commenced in August 1998 to run for 25 years. It relates to the adoption of assets on a site in perpetuity with a break clause at 25 years. The applicable charge is based on the guaranteed population on the site. The charge was fixed for the first three years and thereafter it rises in line with RPI. Standards of service are laid down in the contract and special penalty clauses operate for non-performance.

### **Trade Effluent**

#### **WSXTE9**

The agreement was originally set up in December 1958 to run in perpetuity as an incentive to attract industry to the area. It was renegotiated in 2001-02. The customer has preliminary treatment and discharges directly into the harbour through a public sewer.

The customer pays only a charge for reception and conveyance, which in 2001-02 was the same as the published R charge in the Charges Scheme. For the following ten years the charge will be the lower of the published R charge in the Charges Scheme or the previous year's charge adjusted by RPI increase. After this period the charge will revert to that published in the Charges Scheme. Although this agreement remains in force, the customer opted with effect from 1 April 2009 to go on Wessex Water's Waste 80 tariff

#### **WSXTE31**

This agreement commenced on 1 April 2005 and will run until 31 March 2020. The customer paid the full construction costs of a new sewage pumping station and main that directly feed the sewage treatment works. In return the customer will receive a 65% reduction in the Reception & Conveyance (R) over the term of the contract.

The reduced price reflects the company's standard prices less the element of the R charge that is related to the return on capital (as the capital has been fully provided by the customer). The 15-year time limit to the discount reflects the fact that Wessex Water has taken over the ownership of the assets and is liable for any long-term major repair or replacement costs.

## **Bulk Supply Information**

### **Exports of Water**

#### **WSXBWE1 and WSXBWE4**

These bulk supplies are to Bristol Water. They were agreed in September 1967 and revised in April 1978 and are expected to run in perpetuity. The supplies are billed at Wessex Water's standard volumetric rate. No standing charge is applicable.

#### **WSXBWE2**

This bulk supply is to Bristol Water. It was agreed in September 1954 and is expected to run in perpetuity. All consumption is charged at 5.4992 p/m<sup>3</sup>.

#### **WSXBWE3**

This bulk supply is to Bristol Water. It was agreed in April 1974 under Section 12 of the Water Act 1973. It is expected to run in perpetuity. The supply is billed at the standard rate.

#### **WSXBWE5**

This bulk supply is to South West Water. It was agreed prior to privatisation and is expected to run in perpetuity. The supply is billed at Wessex Water's standard measured tariff.

#### **WSXBWE6**

This bulk supply is to Bristol Water. It was agreed in August 1984 to run for 70 years and terminate in August 2054. Wessex Water is to construct a new pumping station and other apparatus and Bristol Water is to construct a new main. Both parties supply water to the other from their respective areas free of charge (no charges raised by either party). Wessex Water supplies up to 0.3MI/day and in emergency situations up to 4.5MI/day or greater if within capacity.

### **WSXBWE7**

This bulk supply is to Sembcorp Bournemouth & West Hampshire Water. It was agreed in 2002 and is reviewed annually. There is no guarantee to supply, and the unit charge is reduced because of this.

### **WSXBWE9**

This bulk supply is to Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE). It is used to supply residential customers of SSE on a housing development in Wessex Water's area.

### **WSXBWE10**

This bulk supply to SSE was agreed in March 2012 and is not time limited. It is used to supply residential customers of SSE on a development contained within Wessex Water's appointed area of supply. Wessex Water's Option 5 tariff is applicable until such time as SSE's alternative source of water becomes operational.

## **Sewerage services supplied**

### **WSXBSSS1**

This service to Scottish & Southern Energy (SSE) was agreed in September 2007 and is not time limited. The charge made for this service is 8.2% less than the standard reception and conveyance charge reflecting the fact that the costs of operating and maintaining onsite sewers will be met by SSE. In addition, a charge of £17 per property, which increases in line with March RPI, applies for highway drainage. Note: as of 2012/13 the highways drainage charge is no longer being billed.

### **WSXBSSS2**

This service to SSE was agreed in March 2012 and is not time limited. If SSE opts to pay under the terms of the Optional Sewerage Tariff as per the Wessex charges scheme the reception and conveyance charge is abated by 8.2% less than the standard reception and conveyance charge, reflecting the fact that the costs of operating and maintaining onsite sewers will be met by SSE.

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