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Prices Regulation Act (Chapter 320)

ORDER FIXING MAXIMUM WATER AND SEWERAGE RATES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL DISTRICT

I, Morea Vele, Price Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 21 of the *Prices Regulation Act* (Chapter 320), and all other powers thereunto me enabling, do hereby order that the maximum water and sewerage rates, being declared goods and services, for the National Capital District for 1st August, 1998 shall be as detailed in the Schedule below.

Schedule of Water and Sewerage Rates to apply in the National Capital District from 15th August, 1998

SCHEDULE 1

Fees to be paid for testing of water meters K25.00/test

SCHEDULE 2

Water Rates

1. Residential Occupancy

	Volume in Kilolitres per month	Rate per kilolitre
First 25	K0.30
Next 75	K0.75
Next 100	K1.50

Base Charge

Charge per month

Metered/Un-metered property with internal plumbing	K7.50
Un-metered property without internal plumbing	K5.00

2. Non-Residential, Government Institutions, Commercial and Industrial Occupancy

	Volume in Kilolitres per month	Rate per kilolitre
Metered account - All recorded volumes	K1.50

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	Base Charge	Charge per month
Un-metered account.....	K75.00

3. Public/Community Standpipes

	Volume in Kilolitres per month	Rate per kilolitre
First 50	K0.30
Next 50	K0.30

	Base Charge	Charge per month
Base Charge	K15.00

4. Eda Ranu Filling Stations

	Volume in Kilolitres per month	Rate per kilolitre
All recorded volumes	K3.00

SCHEDULE 3

Reconnection Fee	K20.00
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SCHEDULE 4

Sewerage Rates

1. Charges Based on Water Meter Reading

Sewerage Service

1.1 Residential Occupancy (per month)	Charge per month
Metered (per month)	
Up to 25 kilolitres	K7.50 minimum charge (Low Covenant) K15.00 minimum charge (High Covenant)
Next 75 kilolitres	K0.15 per kilolitre
Next 100 kilolitres	K0.30 per kilolitre
Unmetered (per month)	
Private connection	K10.00 per house

1.2 Non-Residential, Government Institutions and Related Occupancy

Metered (per month)	K0.40 per kilolitre with a minimum charge of K20.00 for up to 50 kilolitres
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1.3 Commercial/Industrial Occupancy

Metered (per month)	K0.40 per kilolitre with a minimum charge of K20.00.
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1.4 Sewerage Sludge Tankers

Minimum charge per tanker

Up to 10 kilolitres	K45.00 per tanker
Above 10 kilolitres	K4.40 per kilolitre

2. Charges Based on Effluent meter reading

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

2.1 Effluent meters	K0.40 per kilolitre with a minimum charge of K20.00.
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3. Connections/Junctions Fee (Charges based on a Flat Fee)

3.1 New Connections/Junctions

For 15 mm (Water) and 100 mm (Sewer) diameter pipe up to 26 metres length to one metre inside the property boundary.	K550.00 per connection or junction
Connections/Junctions exceeding the above	at cost

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4. Charge out rates and fees for external services

4.1 Charge Out Rates for Labour

Position (National)	Kina per Hour
Chief Engineer	96
Engineering Manager	80
Senior Project Manager	69
Project Engineer	62
Graduate Engineer	60
Supervisory Drafting Officer	70
Senior Technical Drafting Officer	70
Technical Drafting Officer Grade 3	50
Technical Drafting Officer Grade 2	48
Technical Drafting Officer Grade 1	46
Technical Drafting Assistant Officer Grade 2	45
Technical Drafting Assistant Officer Grade 1	44
Trainee Technical Drafting Officer	42

Position (Contract)	Kina per Hour
Chief Engineer	207
Engineering Manager	172
Senior Project Engineer	153

4.2 Print and Documents

Documents/Print	Kina per Hour
Photocopies— A4 Sheet	0.60
— A3 Sheet	0.80
Dyeline Print— A2 Sheet	3.50
— A1 Sheet	5.00
— B1 Sheet	8.50
SEPIA — A2 Sheet	8.50
— A1 Sheet	13.00
— B1 Sheet	17.50
Standard Specification	100.00

Documents/Print	Kina per Hour
Design Manual	150.00
Tender Document	150.00 per set
Standard Water Supply Drawings	35.00 per set
Standard Sewerage Drawings	35.00 per set
Reports	Based on number of pages and drawings

4.3 Fees for Other Services

Service	Kina
Approval of Drawings for Small Schemes	
— First Submission	150.00 per set
— Second and Subsequent Submissions	75.00 per set
Inspection of Service Connections	
— Water Supply	70.00 per hour
— Sewerage	70.00 per hour
Meter Testing	
— Sizes 15 mm to 20 mm	20.00 per test
— Sizes 25 mm to 55 mm	40.00 per test
— Sizes over 50 mm	50.00 per test
All other services	Based on time, charge out rates, cost of material and overheads expenses.

Notes:—

- (a) Charges based on meter reading under items 1 and 2, Schedule 2 and Schedule 4 have been set on per connection basis.
- (b) In the case of multiple residential buildings, such as flats, dormitories, duplexes, or usage above 200 kilolitres per month, the user will be charged on the basis of the Non-Residential tariff (Item 2, Schedule 2 and Item 1.2, Schedule 4) above.
- (c) If a connection serves a mixed occupancy property, the higher tariff scale shall apply.
- (d) All charges under items 3 and 4 of Schedule 4 must be paid in advance unless special arrangements are made with the General Manager. All charges under items 1 and 2, Schedule 2 and Schedule 4 must be paid within 14 days after the date of delivery of an account. Failure to pay accounts within the stipulated period will lead to service being discontinued and recovery action being taken. The owner of the property is responsible for paying bills.
- (e) The customer is responsible for the cost of connecting to the building from the connection provided by Eda Ranu.
- (f) For temporary new connections, the water charges will be the same as for non-residential customers under Schedule 2, item 2.

Dated this 15th day of August, 1998.

M. VELE,
Price Controller.