

# Charges scheme

2010 - 2011

Detailed  
explanation



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# Introduction

This booklet sets out the Charges Schemes made by Thames Water Utilities Limited under powers conferred by Section 143 of the Water Industry Act 1991 as amended. It does not cover charges raised under agreements. The booklet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Schedule(s) of Charges, which form part of the Charges Schemes. These schedules are in the form of leaflets, the titles of which are set out below. Charges contained therein have, where applicable, been approved by the Water Services Regulation Authority.

**Metered Charges 2010/2011**

**Unmetered Charges 2010/2011**

**Business Assessed Charges 2010/2011**

**Trade Effluent Charges 2010/2011**

**Infrastructure Charges 2010/2011**

**Sundry Charges 2010/2011**

**WaterSure Tariff 2010/2011**

**Network Charges 2010/2011**

# Water supply charges scheme 2010

1 This scheme, which revokes all previous Water Supply Charges Schemes made by Thames Water and which may be referred to as the Thames Water Utilities Limited Water Supply Charges Scheme 2010, is made by Thames Water under Section 143 of the Act and shall operate from 1st April 2010 until 31st March 2011 inclusive.

## Interpretation

2 (1) Subject to sub-Clause (2), the Interpretation Act 1978 shall have effect for the interpretation of this scheme as it has effect for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament;

(2) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:- “the Act” means the Water Industry Act 1991 including any statutory amendments whether made before or after the date of this scheme;

### “assessed household charge”

means a charge which is equivalent to the average metered household bill, split into bands. Band 1 = 0/1 Bedroom; Band 2 = 2 Bedrooms; Band 3 = 3 plus Bedrooms; Single Occupier Tariff. This is set out in the Unmetered Charges Schedule.

### “billing period”

means a period of time determined at the discretion of Thames Water and in respect of which Thames Water may submit a bill to the consumer for any charges made under this scheme in respect of specified premises.

### “Business Assessed Charges Schedule”

means the Schedule of Business Assessed Charges fixed by Thames Water with reference to charging bands for the financial year 2010 - 2011 which is enclosed with and forms part of this scheme;

### “charging area”

means an area determined by Thames Water to reflect in its charges the differences in the average use of the service for various types of house and broad variations in net annual value for similar properties throughout the water supply area of Thames Water;

### “community building”

means place of worship, village hall, scout or guide hut;

### “consumer”

means the person who is for the time being, the person on whom the liability to pay charges to Thames Water in respect of a supply of water would fall;

### “customer”

means a person supplied, or about to be supplied, with water by Thames Water;

### “domestic garage, car space or store area”

means any garage, car space or store area used wholly or partly as a domestic garage, car space or store area or intended for such use;

### “the due date”

means a date which is three months after the service of a Measured Charges Notice on Thames Water;

### “house”

means a dwellinghouse, whether a private dwellinghouse or not, and includes any part of a building if that part is occupied as a separate dwellinghouse;

### “the Licence”

means the Instrument of Appointment dated August 1989 under Sections 11 and 14 of the Water Act 1989 whereby the Secretary of State for the Environment appointed Thames Water as the water undertaker and the sewerage (wastewater) undertaker for the areas respectively described therein, and includes any amendments whether made before or after the date of this scheme;

### “Measured Charges Notice”

means a written notice served on Thames Water under the provisions of Section 144A of the Act. Thames Water provides an application form for this purpose and the completed application form will constitute the Measured Charges Notice. Thames Water will also accept a letter, application by telephone or online from the consumer that identifies the premises in question;

### “Metered Charges Schedule”

means the Schedule of Metered Charges fixed by Thames Water for the financial year 2010 - 2011 which is enclosed with and forms part of this scheme;

### “the Regulations”

means the Water (Meters) Regulations 1988 (S.I. 1988(1048)) as amended;

### “service pipe”

means a service pipe within the meaning given in the Act;

### “single site”

means any premises whose water supply is measured by a single water meter, provided that Thames Water may at its absolute discretion determine that premises whose water supply is measured by two or more water meters shall be regarded as a single site;

### “Sundry Charges Schedule”

means the Schedule of Sundry Charges fixed by Thames Water for the financial year 2010 - 2011 which is enclosed with and forms part of this scheme;

### “Unmetered Charges Schedule”

means the Schedule of Unmetered Charges fixed by Thames Water for the financial year 2010 - 2011 which is enclosed with and forms part of this scheme;

### “Thames Water”

means Thames Water Utilities Limited;

### “valuation list”

means the last valuation list published under Part V of the General Rate Act 1967;

### “Vulnerable customer”

means any customer who comes within a class of persons prescribed by any Regulations made under sub-section 143A(3) of the Act. Thames Water’s arrangements for implementing any such Regulations are described in the document headed “WaterSure Provisions Under Regulations To Protect Vulnerable Customers under the WaterSure scheme”, which is enclosed with this Scheme for information.

### “WaterSure tariff”

means the maximum charge that a Vulnerable customer can be obliged to pay and which is set out in the Metered Charges Schedule.

## General

3 (1) It is intended that the charges to be made under this scheme will, with any other relevant sources of revenue, provide the income necessary to finance the water supply function of Thames Water. These charges shall be fixed with due regard to the principles laid down in the Act and in Condition E of the Licence.

(2) The charges under this scheme are levied in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Licence and any taxes (including VAT) imposed by law on the making of such charges shall be recoverable in addition to such charges. Non household customers are liable to pay VAT if their predominant business activity is within Divisions 1 to 5 of the 1980 Standard Industrial Classification. To ascertain this

we issue VAT declaration forms to our new customers when we collect billing information from them for the first time. If customers do not return the form we charge VAT by default.

An additional leaflet with a more detailed explanation is available on request.

(3) In the case of supplies to premises other than a house, Thames Water reserves the right to require a payment in advance of up to twelve months of the estimated annual charge, where:

- (i) in the current or prior charging year any bill has remained unpaid for a period of seven days after the consumer has been served with a final notice requiring payment, or a notice advising the consumer that the premises will be disconnected as result of non payment;*
- or*
- (ii) Thames water considers it reasonably appropriate to do so, having regard to the consumer’s credit rating.*

(4) Where supplies are made for non domestic purposes Thames Water may apply interest for late payment under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.

## Charges for unmetered supplies

4 (1) Subject to the succeeding provisions of this scheme, there shall be payable to Thames Water in respect of each unmetered supply of water, an amount equal to the sum of the charges referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) below, PROVIDED

ALWAYS that where a notice under sub-clause 8(7) (or equivalent notice under any earlier Charges Scheme) is in force, or where Thames Water have determined under sub-clause 8(8) (or equivalent clause under any earlier Charges Scheme) the amount payable under this subclause 4(1) for supplies to a house shall be the assessed household charge.

### *(a) Rate based charge*

*The amounts in the pound shown in the Unmetered Charges Schedule multiplied by the net annual value of the premises.*

### *(b) Graduated fixed charge*

- (i) In the case of each service pipe providing a supply to premises other than a house, a graduated fixed charge, the amount of which is shown in the Unmetered Charges Schedule, fixed by reference to the size of the relevant service pipe (including where appropriate a notional pipe size).*
- (ii) In the case of each service pipe providing a supply to a house, a fixed charge, the amount of which is shown in the Unmetered Charges Schedule, fixed by reference to a pipe size of up to 15mm.*

Such a fixed charge will apply only in respect of premises with a net annual value (or a notional net annual value fixed under subclause (5) as the case may be) equal to or exceeding £50.

(2) The amount in the pound fixed

annually by Thames Water for the purpose of sub-clause (1)(a) is different for each charging area.

(3) Subject to the following provisions of this clause, for the purposes of any rate based charge the net annual value of any premises (or the rateable value so appearing in any case where a rateable value but no net annual value appears) shall be taken to be that value which appeared in the last published valuation list.

(4) In the case of premises with both an unmetered supply and a metered supply, and where such premises are the subject of a single entry in the valuation list, Thames Water may apportion the net annual value thereof and charge the consumer rate based charges in respect of the unmetered supply to such premises on a proportion only of the net annual value.

(5) In the case of premises not appearing in the valuation list or having no value appearing therein, any rate based charge shall be based on a notional net annual value which shall be determined by Thames Water and may be revised by them. The notional net annual value shall be determined by reference to properties on the valuation list of a similar size and in the same charging area. It will be based on information provided to Thames Water by the consumer. In the absence of such information, Thames Water will have total discretion to apply a default value until such time as the information is received.

(6) Unless Thames Water otherwise agrees, where there is communication otherwise than by a highway, between buildings or parts of buildings in the occupation of the same customer, those buildings or parts of buildings shall be treated, for the purpose of charging the rate based charge, as one building having a net annual value equal to the aggregate of their net annual values.

(7) Except where they are served by a metered supply, charges for each domestic garage, car space or storage area shall be payable as a single annual charge as shown in the Sundry Charges Schedule.

(8) Where two or more houses or other premises in the occupation of different customers are supplied with water by a common pipe, the consumer in respect of each of them shall be liable to pay the same water supply charges for the supply as he would have been liable to pay if it had been supplied with water by a separate pipe.

(9) Where the occupier of any premises (“the occupied premises”) which do not receive a supply of water direct from Thames Water, has the right to use a supply of water in other premises (which is not charged for by Thames Water on a metered basis) by virtue of his occupation of the occupied premises, there shall be payable to Thames Water in respect of the occupied premises a sum calculated in accordance with the preceding provisions of this clause.

10) Where an unmetered supply is used for

the purposes of building or construction, a charge shall be payable to Thames Water, the amount of which is shown in the Sundry Charges Schedule. Such charge shall be in addition to any other charges payable under this Clause 4.

### Charges for Metered Supplies

5 (1) There shall be payable to Thames Water in respect of water supplied to a customer by meter (other than “ a supply of water in bulk” within the meaning given in the Act, an amount equal to the sum of the following charges: the volume charge in (a), (b), (c) or (d) below; plus the graduated fixed charge in (e) below; plus the annual charge (if applicable) in (f), (g) or (h) below; plus the reservation charge (if applicable) in (i) below PROVIDED ALWAYS that where the customer is a Vulnerable customer, the maximum amount payable under this sub-clause 5(1) for supplies to a house shall be the WaterSure Tariff as administered under the WaterSure Scheme.

*(a) Volume charge - standard tariff*  
The amount produced by multiplying the volume of water supplied as measured by the meter or as estimated under sub-clause 12(2), 12(3), 12(6), 13(1) or 13(4), by a rate per cubic metre as shown in the Metered Charges Schedule.

*(b) Volume charge – super large volume user tariff*  
For each single site in respect of which the annual volume of water used is more than two hundred and fifty thousand cubic metres, the volume charge will

*be a rate per cubic metre as shown in the said Schedule under the heading “ Super Large Volume User Tariff” provided that Thames Water may at its absolute discretion determine that a consumer who enjoys the benefits of a special agreement regarding charges for water supply will not be eligible for the super large volume user tariff.*

*(c) Volume charge - large volume user tariff*  
For each single site in respect of which the annual volume of water used is more than fifty thousand cubic metres, the volume charge will be a rate per cubic metre as shown in the said Schedule under the heading “Large Volume User Tariff” provided that Thames Water may at its absolute discretion determine that a consumer who enjoys the benefits of a special agreement regarding charges for water supply will not be eligible for the large volume user tariff.

*(d) Volume Charge - intermediate volume user tariff*  
For each single site in respect of which the annual volume of water used is between twenty and fifty thousand cubic metres, the volume charge will be a rate per cubic metre as shown in the said Schedule under the heading ‘Intermediate Volume User Tariff’ provided that Thames Water may at its absolute discretion determine that a consumer who enjoys the benefits of a special agreement regarding charges for water supply will not be eligible for the

*intermediate volume user tariff.*

*(e) Graduated fixed charge*  
A graduated fixed charge in respect of each meter which is used to measure the supply of water to the customer the amount of which is shown in the Metered Charges Schedule fixed by reference to the size of the meter (including where appropriate a notional meter size).

*(f) Annual charge – super large volume user tariff*  
For each single site in respect of which the annual volume of water used is more than two hundred and fifty thousand cubic metres, an annual charge is payable the amount of which is shown in the Metered Charges Schedule.

*(g) Annual charge – large volume user tariff*  
For each single site in respect of which the annual volume of water used is more than fifty thousand cubic metres , an annual charge is payable the amount of which is shown in the Metered Charges Schedule.

*(h) Annual charge – intermediate volume user tariff*  
For each single site in respect of which the annual volume of water used is between twenty and fifty thousand cubic metres , an annual charge is payable the amount of which is shown in the Metered Charges Schedule.

*(i) Reservation Charges*  
In cases where the consumer has an

alternative supply to the one provided by Thames Water, the consumer shall pay such reservation charges as may be approved from time to time by the Water Services Regulation Authority. These approved charges will be published on the Thames Water website ([www.thameswater.co.uk](http://www.thameswater.co.uk)).

(2) Subject to the succeeding provisions of this scheme the consumer shall be charged for all water passing through the meter including water lost by leakage, waste or otherwise with the exception of water used for fire fighting. In addition, charges for domestic customers may be adjustable under the provisions of Thames Water's Code of Practice "When Your Water Supply Has A Leak".

## Testing and Reading of Meters

### Meter Testing

Where a consumer requires Thames Water to test a meter, a charge for testing will only be made if the test proves that the meter is recording within the tolerances referred to in the Regulations and will not exceed any charges prescribed by the Regulations.

6 (1) Should any doubt arise as to the accuracy of the meter register of the water supplied Thames Water may, and at the written request of the consumer shall, remove and test the meter in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

(2) Unless the meter is proved to register incorrectly on being tested in accordance

with the Regulations, a reading from the meter installed in relation to the supply to a customer's premises shall be evidence of the volume of water supplied to those premises.

(3) Except where it is proved to have begun to register incorrectly on some later date, a meter which is found to exceed the prescribed limits of error as defined in the Regulations shall be deemed to have done so since the last occasion but one on which Thames Water or any person duly authorised by them last read the meter for the purpose of ascertaining the volume of water supplied to the premises in relation to which it is installed.

## Other Charges

7 (1) For services performed, facilities provided or rights made available in pursuance of the water supply function of Thames Water, other than those referred to above, Thames Water may fix by resolution such charges to be payable by persons in receipt of or benefiting from such services, facilities or rights as appear to Thames Water to be appropriate having regard to cost and such supplementary charges, if any, as may in the opinion of Thames Water be necessary to comply with any statutory orders, directions, undertakings, determinations or similar obligations affecting Thames Water.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-clause (1) and its ability to fix further charges some other charges which have already been fixed by Thames Water are shown in the Sundry Charges Schedule.

## Meter Option

### Measured Charges Notice

8 (1) In lieu of the rate based charges and fixed charge otherwise payable in accordance with Clause 4, a consumer has the right to opt to take and pay for a supply of water by meter on the terms contained in Clause 5. Where a consumer exercises this right, a meter will be installed free of charge subject to the following provisions of this Clause,

(2) The consumer may exercise this option by serving a Measured Charges Notice on Thames Water at any time in respect of premises in which, or in any part of which, a person has his home. This notice may be in writing, by telephone or online, clearly identifying the premises in question. Thames Water will consider such a notice has been received on the day when a copy is received by its Customer Centre at PO Box 286, Swindon SN38 2RA.

(3) The consumer will become liable to pay charges under Clause 5 from the date a meter has been fitted pursuant to a Measured Charges Notice.

(4) Subject to sub-clause (5), the meter will be fitted by the due date. Where it is not, the consumer's only liability to pay charges under this scheme from the due date until the date the meter has been fitted will be in respect of charges under subclause 5(1)(e).

(5) Sub-clause (4) will not apply where the meter has not been fitted for any of the following reasons:

*i) it is not reasonably practicable to fit a meter. It will normally be regarded as reasonably practicable if the whole of the customer's supply can be controlled by a single meter and if there is an easily accessible length of pipe close to the point where the pipe enters the property. In some cases (particularly in flats) the installation of a second meter will be considered subject to subclause 8(5)(ii).*

*ii) fitting a meter would incur Thames Water in unreasonable expense. In some cases, it may be regarded as unreasonably expensive if it is necessary to fit more than one meter, or make any alterations to the pipework. The cost of any reasonable reinstatement will be regarded as falling within reasonable expense.*  
*iii) delays caused by the consumer or customer, including, but not limited to, non attendance at pre-arranged appointments.*

Any dispute as to whether fitting a meter is impracticable or unreasonably expensive may be referred to the Water Services Regulation Authority by the consumer or by Thames Water for a decision.

(6) Thames Water will select the location of the water meter. Our preferred location is outside the home. This is so we can easily read the meter without having to disturb the consumer. Where the consumer requests that the meter be fitted in an alternative location,

Thames Water may at its discretion comply with such a request, in which case the consumer must first pay any addition costs that this will incur. If a customer is registered disabled and they are unable to access their meter because of their disability we will consider moving the meter to a more accessible location free of charge.

#### Notice To Pay The Assessed Household Charge

(7) a) This sub-clause applies where a meter has not been fitted because it has not been reasonably practicable or would have involved Thames Water in unreasonable expense.

b) Where this sub-clause applies the consumer may give written notice to Thames Water that he wishes to pay the assessed household charge, dependant on single occupancy or the number of bedrooms, for the supply of water provided by Thames Water. Subject to paragraph 8 (7) (c) below the consumer's liability to pay on this basis shall commence on the date Thames Water receives the written notice.

c) The customer's written notice under sub-clause 8)(7)(b) above must be received by Thames Water within ninety days of whichever is the later of:

i) the date on which the customer received written notification from Thames Water that fitting a meter is not reasonably practicable or would incur Thames Water in unreasonable expense; or  
ii) the date on which any dispute referred to the Water services Regulation Authority under Subclause 8(5)(iii) is determined.

(8) a) This sub-clause applies where premises do not appear in the valuation list, and have not had a notional net annual value determined under sub-clause 4(5).

b) Where this sub-clause applies Thames Water may decide that the charge payable for the supply of water to those premises shall be the assessed household charge.

#### Reversion

9) a) This sub-clause applies where either the conditions in paragraph c) of this sub-clause or the conditions in paragraph d) of this sub-clause are satisfied in relation to premises in respect of which either a Measured Charges Notice or a notice under subclause 8(7) (both of which will be referred to as "relevant notice" for the purposes of this sub-clause) has been served on Thames Water.

b) Where this sub-clause applies, the consumer may revoke the relevant notice at any time before the later of

*(i) the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the day on which either the supply began to be measured by volume for charging purposes or the day on which Thames Water received the consumer's notice under sub-clause 8(7); or*  
*(ii) within one month of receiving the second bill based on the volume of water supplied as measured by the meter.*

**The consumer will not be allowed to revoke a Measured Charges Notice after such period. All meters fitted pursuant to a Measured Charges Notice will be the property of Thames Water and must remain in situ even after the valid revocation of a Measured Charges Notice, as they will be used as the basis of charging subsequent occupiers.**

c) The conditions in this paragraph are:

*(i) that the person who gave the notice had not given any previous notice in relation to the premises, and*  
*(ii) that he remains the consumer in respect of the premises.*

d) The conditions in this paragraph are:

*(i) that the person who gave the notice has, since the notice was given, ceased to be the consumer in respect of the premises,*  
*(ii) that neither he nor the person who has become the consumer had given any previous notice in respect of the premises, and*  
*(iii) that any person who was in occupation of the premises when the notice was given remains in occupation.*

e) Where a relevant notice has been revoked, Thames Water must:

*(i) if reasonably practicable before the end of the period of twelve months referred to in paragraph b) of this sub-clause,*  
*or*

*(ii) in any other case, as soon as is reasonably practicable after the end of that period, revert to fixing the charges for the supply without reference to either the volume of water supplied or the assessed household charge.*

f) Revocation of a Measured Charges Notice does will not affect Thames Water's ability to carry out selective metering under clause 9.

#### Selective Metering

9 (1) a) Thames Water may at its discretion resolve at any time that consumers may be required (upon not less than twenty eight days notice in writing being given to the consumer) to take and pay for such water on the terms contained in Clause 5 of this Scheme PROVIDED ALWAYS that Thames Water may not begin to fix charges by reference to volume in respect of those premises described in paragraph b) of this sub-clause unless the consumer has either:  
*(i) served a Measured Charges Notice on Thames Water which has not been revoked, or*  
*(ii) consented to the charge in respect of the premises being so fixed (in which case he will have the same reversion rights set out in sub-clause 8(9) above for a twelve month period from the date of such consent) which consent has not been revoked.*

*b) this paragraph applies where (i) water is supplied to any premises in which, or in any part of which, a person has his home,*

(ii) there has been a change in the occupation of the premises and unmeasured charges have been demanded from the person who has become the consumer

(iii) any conditions which may have been prescribed under Section 144B of the Act are satisfied in relation to the premises.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-clause (1), it is the policy of Thames Water to fix charges by reference to volume in respect of premises:

a) which have never previously been connected to one of Thames Water's mains (including separate units created by converting existing premises), or

b) which use water supplied by Thames Water for the automatic replenishment of a swimming pool with a capacity greater than 10,000 litres, or

c) which use water supplied by Thames Water for watering a garden, other than by hand, by means of any apparatus, or

d) which are not used solely as a persons home and the other use is the principal use of the premises (including, without limitation, residential homes for the elderly and similar premises)

e) where there has been a change of occupation and no charges have yet been demanded from the person who has become the consumer and in any event, Thames Water will install a meter,

if practicable and not unreasonably expensive, free of charge at any commercial premises which is not already metered, when requested so to do by the consumer.

(3) Where a meter has been installed by Thames Water at any premises (including any meter not previously used for charging purposes) and there has been a change of occupier, the new occupier and subsequent occupiers of the premises taking the supply of water will be liable to take and pay for such supply on the terms contained in Clause 5 of this Scheme unless the premises are those described in paragraph 9(1)(b) and charges for a non metered supply in relation to those premises have been demanded from the person who has become the consumer.

(4) Thames Water shall be entitled to charge by measure on the metered supply charge basis for any piped supply of water taken for a tent, van or other conveyance (whether on wheels or not) and shall also be entitled to require the consumer to pay a deposit of money as security for such charge for such period of years as will give it a reasonable return on any special capital expenditure incurred by it in providing the supply.

### Business Assessed Charges

10 (1) Where Thames Water has made a resolution under sub-clause 9(1) it may determine, at any time and at its discretion, that it is not reasonably practicable to meter specific premises within the category which is required to take and pay

for a supply of water by reference to the volume of water supplied and in respect of which the consumer is not entitled to serve a Measured Charges Notice. Such determinations will be made by a duly authorised employee of Thames Water. (2) Where Thames Water has made a determination under sub-clause (1), charges in respect of the specific premises which are subject to the determination shall be payable as set out in sub-clause (3) on the basis of an assessment of the quantity of water to be supplied ("the assessed quantity") as determined by Thames Water and shown by reference to charge bands in the Business Assessed Charges Schedule.

(3) There shall be payable to Thames Water in respect of the assessed quantity an amount equal to the sum of the charges referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) below:

(a) *Business assessed charge*  
An amount calculated by multiplying the assessed quantity by the rate per cubic metre as shown in the Business Assessed Charges Schedule

(b) *Graduated fixed charge*  
A graduated fixed charge in respect of each service pipe providing a supply of water to the customer the amount of which is shown in the enclosed Schedule fixed by Thames Water by reference to the size of the relevant service pipe (including where appropriate a notional pipe size at the discretion of Thames Water).

(4) The business assessed charge will be based on information provided to Thames Water by the consumer, or equivalent information obtained by Thames elsewhere. Where such information is not forthcoming, there shall be payable to Thames Water a charge equivalent to one levied in accordance with Clause 4 where the premises appears in the valuation list. In other cases, Thames Water will have total discretion to calculate the business assessed charge on the basis of average charges for other premises within its region who are charged on an assessed basis.

### Payment of Charges in respect of unmetered supplies

11 (1) Rate based charges together with fixed charges and charges for domestic garages, car spaces and store areas shall be due and payable annually in advance on 1st April each year; provided that consumers may choose to pay such charges (following the service of a written notice to Thames Water to that effect) by one of the following methods:

a) two, eight, ten or twelve instalments on dates to be agreed with Thames Water.  
b) consumers who find it easier to pay more frequently (such as fortnightly) may do so, but they will first need to make special arrangements with Thames Water.

(2) Where the consumer has chosen to pay by instalments and any such instalment is not paid by the date it is payable, then the whole of the annual charges then remaining unpaid shall thereupon become payable.

(3) Where a customer commences to receive a supply of water to his premises on a day other than 1st April in any year and charges become due to be paid under sub-clause (2) in respect of that supply, there shall be payable in advance a time-apportioned part only of those charges for the relevant year.

#### (4) Persons Chargeable

a) The person responsible for payment of charges under this scheme shall be the occupier of the relevant premises to which the supply is made except where some other person is liable by agreement with Thames Water.

b) Where there are two or more people occupying the relevant premises to which the supply is made, the occupiers shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of the charges.

c) Where the relevant premises to which the supply is made are divided into bed-sitting rooms with communal facilities, the owner of the premises shall be regarded as the occupier and be liable for charges except where some other person has paid the charges or is liable by agreement with Thames Water.

(5) Where in any year a consumer who has paid the charges to be paid under sub-clause (2) or (3) gives notice in writing to Thames Water of his desire that the supply of water to his premises be discontinued, he shall be entitled to recover from Thames Water a time-apportioned

part of those charges paid by him in respect of that year as from the date when Thames Water could reasonably discontinue the supply following receipt of the notice.

(6) Where in any charging year the consumer in the case of an individual:

a) dies; or

b) has a bankruptcy order made against them or an interim receiver of their property appointed; or

c) has a voluntary arrangement approved under Part VIII of the Insolvency Act 1986; or

d) enters into a deed of arrangement with their creditors; or in the case of a limited company:

e) the company has been dissolved; or

f) has an administration order made; or

g) has an administrative receiver appointed; or

h) has a voluntary arrangement approved under Part I of the Insolvency Act 1986 take effect; or

i) goes into liquidation; or

j) has a provisional liquidator appointed; then notwithstanding that the charges to be paid under sub-clause (1) are otherwise due and payable, Thames Water shall limit

the charges payable to the amount of charges due and owing calculated up to and including the relevant date of each of (a) to (j) above for that year.

## Payment of Charges for Metered Supplies

12 (1) The charges calculated for metered supplies shall be due and payable when the volume of water supplied has been ascertained and a bill in respect thereof issued; provided that consumers may choose to pay such charges (following the service of a written notice to Thames Water to that effect) by monthly instalments (the actual date payable to be agreed with Thames Water). The instalments will be calculated by Thames Water to cover charges which Thames Water estimates will be accrued between bills and adjusted accordingly after every other occasion when a meter reading has been taken. Consumers who find it easier to pay more frequently (such as fortnightly) may do so, but they will first need to make special arrangements with Thames Water.

(2) Where the consumer has chosen to pay by instalments and any such instalment is not paid within twenty one days of the date it is payable, then the whole of the metered charges then remaining unpaid shall thereupon become payable.

(3) The record by the meter of the volume of water supplied shall be taken by Thames Water as nearly as practicable on the corresponding day of each billing period. Where a reading is not taken for

any reason Thames Water may calculate a bill based on an estimate of the volume of water supplied. Where a bill has been calculated on the basis of such an estimate, the consumer may read the meter himself and provide the reading to Thames Water. Provided the consumer provides such a meter reading within 28 days of the date of the bill, Thames Water shall issue an amended bill based on that reading. A billing period shall not normally exceed one year.

#### (4) Persons Chargeable

a) The person responsible for payment of charges under this scheme shall be the occupier of the relevant premises to which the supply is made except where some other person is liable by agreement with Thames Water.

b) Where there are two or more people occupying the relevant premises to which the supply is made, the occupiers shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of the charges.

(5) Where a meter is installed for charging purposes in premises during a charging year in respect of which the consumer has already received an account for rate based charges, the consumer will only be liable to pay a time apportioned part of the previous account calculated up to but excluding the date on which the meter is installed. Where the previous account has been paid in full or in part, the consumer will be entitled to recover any payment made over and above the amount for which he is liable by

virtue of the preceding provisions of this sub-clause. From the date of installation the consumer shall be liable for the charges to be paid under sub-clause (2).

(6) Where a billing period is for a period during which a new volume charge is fixed by Thames Water, Thames Water may calculate the bill on an apportioned basis whereby some of the volume of water supplied is charged at the old rate with the balance of the water supplied charged at the new rate. Thames Water may calculate the apportionment based on an estimate by Thames Water of the volume of water supplied prior to the commencement of the new volume charge.

(7) Where the consumer is also the occupier of the relevant premises Thames Water may continue to hold him responsible for the payment of metered charges after he has ceased to be in occupation if:

(a) he fails to inform Thames Water of the ending of his occupation of such premises at least two working days before he ceases to occupy them; and

b) the charges are in respect of a period ending no later than with whichever of the following first occurs after he ceases to occupy such premises

*(i) where he informs Thames Water of the ending of his occupation of such premises less than two working days before, or at any time after, he ceases to*

*occupy them, the twenty-eighth day after he so informs them;*

*(ii) any day on which any meter would normally have been read in order for the amount of the charges to be determined;*

*(iii) any day on which any other person informs Thames Water that he has become the new occupier of such premises.*

### Metered Supplies - adjustment of charges

13 (1) Where a meter has been tested and is shown to have registered incorrectly (or not at all) Thames Water shall be entitled to make an estimate of the quantity supplied and adjust the charges in accordance with the Regulations. This could lead to either a refund being made to the consumer, or an invoice to the customer for any balance of charges that may be due.

(2) Where a meter is connected to a supply of water, or Thames Water has given notice of its intention to connect a meter, to premises:

(i) which do not appear in the valuation list; and

(ii) in respect of which a notional net annual value has not been determined by Thames Water; and

(iii) in respect of which no account has been rendered by Thames Water to the current occupier for any billing period

prior to the installation of the meter; Thames Water shall be entitled to render an account for any billing period prior to the installation of the meter based on an estimate by Thames Water of the volume of water supplied.

(3) (i) Where a leak has been detected downstream of the meter on a metered supply to a house and where the leaking pipe has been repaired within six weeks of that leak coming to the attention of Thames Water, the consumer's account will be credited with a leakage allowance calculated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph ii) of this subclause

(ii) The leakage allowance will be calculated by Thames Water (whose decision shall be final) on the basis of Thames Water's estimate of water lost through leakage. Thames Water shall base their estimate on past use at the relevant premises. Where there is no such record, the estimate will be based on typical water use for similar premises, but may be reviewed by Thames Water at a later date, and entirely at their discretion, on the basis of future water use at the relevant premises.

(iii) The leakage allowance will be granted for a period commencing with the billing period prior to the billing period in which the leak came to Thames Water's attention and ending on the date the leak is repaired.

(iv) "Where a leakage allowance has been granted under this sub-clause 13(3), no further allowance will be granted to the same consumer for any subsequent leaks on the same pipe."

### Payment of Business Assessed Charges

14. (1) Charges based on the assessed quantity shall be due and payable annually in advance on 1st April each year, provided that consumers may choose to pay such charges (following the service of a written notice to Thames Water to that effect) by one of the following methods:

a) two equal instalments payable on 1st April and 1st October each year; or

b) twelve equal instalments payable each month from April to March inclusive; or

(2) Where the consumer has chosen to pay by instalments and any such instalment is not paid within twenty one days of the date it is payable, then the whole of the annual charges then remaining unpaid shall thereupon become payable.

(3) Where a customer commences to receive a supply of water to his premises on a day other than 1st April in any year and charges become due to be paid under sub clause (2) in respect of that supply, there shall be payable in advance a time apportioned part only of those charges for the relevant year.

#### (4) Persons Chargeable

a) The person responsible for payment of charges under this scheme shall be the occupier of the relevant premises to which the supply is made except where some other person is liable by agreement with Thames Water.

b) Where there are two or more people occupying the relevant premises to which the supply is made, the occupiers shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of the charges.

c) Where the relevant premises to which the supply is made is let on a tenancy of less than twelve months or licence, the owner of the premises shall be regarded as the occupier and be liable for charges except where some other person has paid the charges or is liable by agreement with Thames Water.

(5) Where a consumer has received from Thames Water an account for rate based charges for a particular charging year and during the course of that year Thames Water determines that the relevant premises shall be subject to charges based on the assessed quantity, then the consumer will only be liable to pay a time apportioned part of the previous account calculated up to and including the date of Thames Water's determination. Where the previous account has been paid in full or in part, the consumer will be entitled to recover any payment made over and above the amount for which he is liable by virtue of the preceding provisions of this sub-clause. For the remainder of that year

the consumer shall be liable to pay charges based on the assessed quantity on a time apportioned basis commencing the day after Thames Water's determination.

(6) Where in any year a customer who has paid the charges to be paid under sub-clause (2), (3) or (4) gives notice in writing to Thames Water of his desire that the supply of water to his premises be discontinued, he shall be entitled to recover from Thames Water a time apportioned part of those charges paid by him in respect of that year as from the date when Thames Water could reasonably discontinue the supply following receipt of the notice.

(7) Where in any charging year the consumer, in the case of an individual:

a) dies; or

b) has a bankruptcy order made against them or an interim receiver of their property appointed; or

c) has a voluntary arrangement which is approved under Part VIII of the Insolvency Act 1986; or

d) enters into a deed of arrangement with their creditors; or in the case of a limited company:

e) the company has been dissolved; or

f) has an administration order made; or

g) has an administrative receiver appointed; or

h) has a voluntary arrangement approved under Part I of the Insolvency Act 1986 take effect; or

i) goes into liquidation; or

j) has a provisional liquidator appointed; then notwithstanding that the charges to be paid under sub-clauses (2), (3) and (4) are otherwise due and payable, Thames Water shall limit the charges payable to the amount of charges due and owing calculated up to and including the relevant date of each of (a) to (j) above for that year.

### Payment Methods

15 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Clause, payment for any charges made under this scheme may be made at any of the agreed frequencies using any of the following methods:

a) by direct debit,

b) by standing order,

c) by debit/credit card online at [www.thameswater.co.uk](http://www.thameswater.co.uk) or calling us on 0845 9200 888

d) at a bank – cash or cheque Take the payment slip to the bank with your payment. If you pay at your own bank or a branch of the National Westminster Bank, this service is usually free of charge.

e) Using the home banking facility - by quoting your bank account number and Thames Water account number – 00286125, sort code 57-27-53

f) Using a PayPoint facility - by taking your cash payment to a PayPoint outlet displaying the PayPoint symbol

g) By post – send your cheque or postal order (not cash) to Thames Water, Customer Centre, PO Box 234, Swindon, SN38 3TW

h) At the Post Office - subject to the Post Office's transaction fee. As at 1 April 2009 this fee is £2.30 but it can change each year.

### NB

Where home banking facilities are being used, the consumer must quote his account number and the following Thames Water account number - 00286125 sort code 57- 27-53.

(2) Where a consumer owes arrears from a previous billing period and receives the following benefits, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (formerly Income Support until 27/10/08), Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Pensions Credit, it may be possible to pay the arrears by direct payments. This means that agreed amounts would be deducted from the consumer's benefits and paid to Thames Water direct. Any consumer who wishes to join this scheme should contact Thames Water.

(3) In the case of charges assessed under Clause 10, instalment arrangements will only be accepted where direct debits are used.

(4) It should be noted that where a customer's charges are payable by a third party (for example, the customer's Landlord), then the range of available payment methods may differ from those set out in this scheme (for example, they may be collected by the Landlord together with the rent payments).

(5) Where payment has been tendered by cheque or direct debit which has not been honoured by the bank on which it has been drawn the consumer will be liable to pay an additional administration charge as set by Thames Water from time to time.

## Charge Variations For Empty Properties

16 (1) No charges will be payable in respect of:

(a) unmetered supplies under Clause 4; and

(b) fixed charges for metered supplies under Clause 5 (1)(e) in respect of any period during which the consumer is able to demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of Thames Water that the premises are both unoccupied and unfurnished.

(2) Premises will not be regarded as "unoccupied" for the purposes of 16(1) if they are:

(a) subject to building or renovation works; or

(b) newly built premises prior to transfer of ownership from the builder.

(3) No charges will be payable in respect of:

(a) unmetered supplies under Clause 4; and

(b) fixed charges for metered supplies under Clause 5 (1)(e) in respect of any continuous period of three months or more during which the consumer is able to demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of Thames Water that the premises are unoccupied and the customer is living in a care home or nursing home.

(4) Premises which are subject to business assessed charges under Clause 10 and which are unoccupied and unfurnished as a result of building or renovation works will be liable to pay full charges for the first three calendar months during which the premises are unoccupied and unfurnished. Thereafter and for the remainder of the period during which the premises are unoccupied and unfurnished, charges under Clause 10(3)(a) will not be payable.

(5) The above charging variations will only apply to the period during which this scheme is in force and must be claimed by the customer. No claim will be allowed for any period more than 6 months prior to the date of the claim.

## Further information and complaints procedure

17 (1) Any person who plans to move to a property within the Thames Water area may obtain information on the basis on which charges will be payable for that property by either:

(a) calling on telephone number 0845 9200 888; or

(b) writing to Thames Water at PO Box 286, Swindon SN38 2RA

(2) Thames Water's complaints procedure is set out in its Customer Code of Practice and summarised in the leaflet "Our Quality Promise".

# Wastewater charges scheme 2010

1 This scheme, which revokes all previous Wastewater Charges Schemes made by Thames Water and which may be referred to as the Thames Water Utilities Limited Wastewater Charges Scheme 2010, is made by Thames Water Utilities Limited under Section 143 of the Act and shall operate from 1st April 2010 until 31st March 2011 inclusive.

## Interpretation

2 (1) Subject to sub-clause (2), the Interpretation Act 1978 shall have effect for the interpretation of this scheme as it has effect for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament;

(2) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires :-

### *“the Act”*

means the Water Industry Act 1991 including any statutory amendments whether made before or after the date of this scheme;

### *“assessed household charge”*

means a charge which is equivalent to the average metered household bill, split into bands. Band 1 = 0/1 Bedroom; Band 2 = 2 Bedrooms; Band 3 = 3 plus Bedrooms; Single Occupier Tariff. This is set out in the Unmetered Charges Schedule

### *“billing period”*

means a period of time determined at the discretion of Thames Water and in respect of which Thames Water may submit a bill to the consumer for any charges made

under this scheme in respect of connected premises;

### *“Business Assessed Charges Schedule”*

means the Schedule of Business Assessed Charges fixed by Thames Water with reference to charging bands for the financial year 2010 - 2011 which is enclosed with and forms part of this scheme;

### *“charging area”*

means an area determined by Thames Water to reflect in its charges the differences in the average use of the service for various types of house and broad variations in net annual value for similar properties throughout the wastewater area of Thames Water;

### *“community building”*

means place of worship, village hall, scout or guide hut;

### *“connected premises”*

means any premises which are (a) drained by a sewer or drain connecting, either directly or through an intermediate sewer or drain, with a public sewer provided by Thames Water for foul water or surface water or both, or (b) occupied by persons having the right to use facilities which drain to a sewer or drain so connecting;

### *“consumer”*

means the person who is for the time being the person on whom the liability to pay charges to Thames Water in respect of sewerage services would fall;

### *“customer”*

means the person for whom a service is performed, facilities are provided or rights are made available in respect of connected premises in exercise of Thames Water’s functions under Section 94 of the Act;

### *“domestic garage, car space or store area”*

means any garage, car space or store area used wholly or partly as a domestic garage, car space or store area or intended for such use;

### *“the due date”*

means a date which is three months after the service of a Measured Charges Notice on Thames Water;

### *“house”*

means a dwellinghouse, whether a private dwellinghouse or not, and includes any part of a building if that part is occupied as a separate dwellinghouse;

### *“the Licence”*

means the Instrument of Appointment dated August 1989 under Sections 11 and 14 of the Water Act 1989 whereby the Secretary of State for the Environment appointed Thames Water to be the water undertaker and the sewerage (wastewater) undertaker for the areas respectively described therein and includes any amendments whether made before or after the date of this scheme;

### *“Measured Charges Notice”*

means a notice served on Thames Water under the provisions of Section 144A of the Act, either in writing, by telephone or online;

### *“Metered Charges Schedule”*

means the Schedule of Metered Charges fixed by Thames Water for the financial year 2010 - 2011 which is enclosed with and forms part of this scheme;

### *“the Regulations”*

means the Water (Meters) Regulations 1988 (S.I 1988 (1048) as amended;

### *“relevant abstraction licence”*

shall mean a licence under the Water Resources Act 1991 or under the former Water Resources Act 1963 as amended by the Water Act 1989 to abstract water which authorises water abstracted in pursuance of such licence to be used on land consisting of connected premises in the occupation of the licence holder;

### *“service pipe”*

means a service pipe within the meaning given in the Act;

### *“Sundry Charges Schedule”*

means the Schedule of Sundry Charges fixed by Thames Water for the financial year 2010 - 2011 which is enclosed with and forms part of this scheme;

### *“Thames Water”*

means Thames Water Utilities Limited;

### “Unmetered Charges Schedule”

means the Schedule of Unmetered Charges fixed by Thames Water for the financial year 2010 - 2011 which is enclosed with and forms part of this scheme;

### “valuation list”

means the last valuation list published under Part V of the General Rate Act 1967;

### “Vulnerable customer”

means any customer who comes within a class of persons prescribed by any Regulations made under sub-section 143A(3) of the Act. Thames Water’s arrangements for implementing any such Regulations are described in the document headed “Provisions Under Regulations To Protect Vulnerable Customers” which is enclosed with this Scheme for information.

### “Watersure tariff”

means the maximum charge that a Vulnerable customer can be obliged to pay and which is set out in the Metered Charges Schedule.

## General

3 (1) It is intended that the charges to be made under this scheme (together with Trade Effluent Charges) will provide the income necessary to finance the wastewater and sewage disposal functions of Thames Water. These include elements of foul water, surface water and highway drainage. These charges will be fixed with due regard to the principles laid down in the Act and in Condition E of the Licence;

(2) The charges under this scheme are levied in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Licence and any taxes (including VAT) imposed by law on the making of such charges shall be recoverable in addition to such charges. Certain industries (as categorised by the Standard Industries Classification) will be liable to VAT. An additional leaflet with more explanation is available on request.

(3) In the case of supplies to premises other than a house, Thames Water reserves the right to require a payment in advance of up to twelve months of the estimated annual charge, where:

- (i) in the current or prior charging year any bill has remained unpaid for a period of seven days after the consumer has been served with a final notice requiring payment, or a notice advising the consumer that the premises will be disconnected as result of non payment;*
- or*
- (ii) Thames water considers it reasonably appropriate to do so, having regard to the consumer’s credit rating.*

(4) Where supplies are made for non domestic purposes Thames Water may apply interest for late payment under the Late Payment of Commercial debts (Interest) Act 1998.

## Wastewater charges where water supply to connected premises is unmetered

4 (1) Subject to the succeeding provisions of this scheme, there shall be payable to Thames Water in respect of each connected premises an amount equal to the sum of the charges referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) below, PROVIDED ALWAYS that where a notice under sub-clause 8(7) of the Thames Water Utilities Limited Water Supply Charges Scheme 2009 (or equivalent notice under any earlier Charges Scheme) is in force, or where Thames Water have determined under subclause 8(8) of the said Charges Scheme (or equivalent clause in any earlier Charges Scheme) the amount payable under this subclause 4(1) for services provided to a house shall be the assessed household charge. PROVIDED ALSO that where the connected premises is a house which is not within the water supply area of Thames Water and the relevant water undertaker has raised water supply charges on an equivalent basis to the assessed household charge, then the amount payable under this sub-clause 4(1) shall be the assessed household charge. No surface water rebates under sub-clause 4(1)(c) will be granted in such cases.

*(a) Rate based charge*  
*The amounts in the pound shown in the Unmetered Charges Schedule multiplied by the net annual value of the connected premises;*

*(b) Graduated fixed charge*  
*(i) In the case of each service pipe*

*providing a supply to connected premises other than a house, a graduated fixed charge or charges, the amount of which is shown in the Unmetered Charges Schedule fixed by reference to the size of each relevant service pipe (including where appropriate a notional pipe size).*

*(ii) In the case of each service pipe providing a supply to connected premises other than a house, where Thames Water is satisfied that the discharge rate in any trade effluent consent given by Thames Water (or its predecessors) under the Public Health (Drainage of Trade Premises) Act 1937 or the Act exceeds the potential rate of water supplied through the service pipe a fixed charge the amount of which is shown in the Unmetered Charges Schedule fixed by reference to the notional size of the relevant service pipe. Such notional size to be determined by Thames Water.*

*(iii) In the case of each service pipe providing a supply to a house, a fixed charge, the amount of which is shown in the Unmetered Charges Schedule fixed by reference to a service pipe size of up to 15mm.*

## NB

Such fixed charges will be payable in full even where some of the contents discharged to the public sewer from the connected premises constitutes trade effluent in respect of which volume charges are payable under the Thames Water Trade Effluent Charges Scheme 2010.

Such fixed charges will apply only in respect of connected premises with a net annual value (or notional net annual value fixed under sub-clause (5) as the case may be) equal to or exceeding £50.

*(c) Surface water rebate*

*(i) In cases where the consumer including those who pay the household assessed charge has established to the satisfaction of Thames Water that no surface water from connected premises drains to a public sewer, the wastewater charges will be reduced by the amount shown in the Unmetered and Metered Charges Schedules.*

*(ii) In the case of houses, the rebate will be applied from the beginning of the billing period or the beginning of the financial year during which Thames Water received the claim from the consumer, whichever is the earlier.*

*(iii) In the case of other premises, the rebate will be applied from the beginning of the financial year during which Thames Water received the claim from the consumer.*

Any information included in the form may need to be verified. Thames Water's procedure for receiving validating and applying such claims is described in the document headed "Surface Water Drainage".

Where the relevant account is in arrears, the rebate will be deducted from the arrears.

(2) The amount in the pound fixed annually by Thames Water for the purposes of sub-clause (1)(a) is different for each charging area.

(3) Subject to the following provisions of this clause, for the purposes of any rate based charge the net annual value of any connected premises (or the rateable value in any case where a rateable value but no net annual value appears) shall be taken to be that value which appeared in the last published valuation list.

(4) In the case of connected premises with both an unmetered water supply and a metered water supply and where such connected premises are the subject of a single entry in the valuation list, Thames Water may apportion the net annual value thereof and charge the consumer rate based charges in respect of such connected premises on a proportion only of the net annual value.

(5) In the case of any connected premises not appearing in the valuation list or having no value appearing therein, any rate based charge shall be based on a notional net

annual value which shall be determined by Thames Water and may be revised by them. The notional net annual value shall be determined by reference to properties on the valuation list of a similar size and in the same charging area. It will be based on information provided to Thames Water by the consumer. In the absence of such information, Thames Water will have total discretion to apply a default value until such time as the information is received.

(6) Unless Thames Water otherwise agrees, where there is communication, otherwise than by a highway, between buildings or parts of buildings in the occupation of the same customer, those buildings or parts of buildings shall be treated, for the purpose of charging the rate based charge, as one building having a net annual value equal to the aggregate of their net annual values.

(7) Except where they are served by a metered supply, charges for each domestic garage, car space or storage area ("the premises") shall be payable to Thames Water as follows:

(i) where the premises are within the water supply area of Thames Water, there shall be a single annual charge as shown in the Sundry Charges Schedule (ii) where the premises are within the water supply area of another company, there shall be a single annual rate based charge calculated in the same manner as sub-clause 4(1a) above.

(8) Where the occupier of any premises ("the occupied premises") which are not connected premises has the right to use

the sanitary facilities in other connected premises (where Thames Water does not charge for wastewater services on a metered basis) by virtue of his occupation of the occupied premises, there shall be payable to Thames Water in respect of the occupied premises a sum calculated in accordance with the preceding provisions of this clause.

### Wastewater charges where water supply to connected premises is metered

5. There shall be payable to Thames Water in respect of connected premises where the charges for water supplied thereto have fixed by Thames Water or another water undertaker by reference to volume, an amount equal to the sum of the following charges: the volume charge in (a) or (b) below; plus the graduated fixed charge in (c) below; plus the annual charge (if applicable) in (d) below; plus the reservation charge (if applicable) in (e) below PROVIDED ALWAYS that where the customer is a Vulnerable customer, the maximum amount payable under this Clause 5 for services provided to a house shall be the WaterSure Tariff.

(a) Volume charge - standard tariff

(i) The amount produced by multiplying the water supplied as measured by meter or estimated under sub-clauses 12(2), 12(3), 12(6), 13(1) or 13(4) ("the measured quantity") by a rate per cubic metre as shown in the Metered Charges Schedule. However, where it is shown to the satisfaction of Thames Water that more

## NB

We will be happy to supply the consumer with a claim form for the purpose of advising us that no surface water from the connected premises drains to a public sewer. These forms may be obtained by calling the Customer Centre on 0845 9200 888.

than ten per cent of the measured quantity (excluding any quantity which in Thames Water's opinion has been lost through leakage) is not discharged to a public sewer, then for the purpose of this calculation the measured quantity be reduced by the following quantity ("the abated quantity") from the date on which this was brought to the attention of Thames Water:

(ii) where the connected premises is a house, the abated quantity shall be the volume of water not discharged to a public sewer less ten per cent of the measured quantity less any quantity which in Thames Water's opinion has been lost through leakage.

(iii) where the connected premises is not a house, the abated quantity shall be the total quantity of water not discharged to a public sewer less any quantity which in Thames Water's opinion has been lost through leakage.

(iv) Thames Water may review the validity of the allowance given under this clause 5 at any time and adjust the consumer's account to reflect any change in circumstances.

(b) Volume charge - large volume user tariff  
For each single site in respect of which the annual volume of water supplied as measured by meter (reduced by the abated quantity, if any) is more than one hundred and six thousand cubic metres, the volume charge will be a rate per cubic metre (reduced by the abated quantity

if any) as shown in the said Schedule under the heading "Large Volume User Tariff" provided that Thames Water may at its absolute discretion determine that a consumer who enjoys the benefits of a special agreement regarding wastewater services will not be eligible for the large volume user tariff.

(c) Graduated fixed charge

(i) A graduated fixed charge in respect of each meter used to measure the supply to the customer, the amount of which is shown in the Metered Charges Schedule fixed by reference to the size of the meter.

(ii) where Thames Water is satisfied that of the water supplied to the relevant connected premises a quantity is not discharged to a public sewer such that the meter size could be at least one size smaller, then the relevant amount shall be abated at the discretion of Thames Water.

(iii) In the case of premises, other than a house, where Thames Water is satisfied that the discharge rate in any Trade Effluent Consent given by Thames Water (or its predecessors) under the Public Health (Drainage of Trade Premises) Act 1937 or the Act exceeds the potential rate of water supplied through the meter a fixed charge the amount of which is shown in the Metered Charges Schedule fixed by reference to the notional size of the relevant meter. Such notional size to be determined by Thames Water.

(iv) No abatement of the fixed charge will be granted in respect of any contents discharged to the public sewer from connected premises which constitutes trade effluent in respect of which volume charges are payable under the Thames Water Trade Effluent Charges Scheme 2010.

(d) Annual charge – large volume user tariff  
For each single site in respect of which the annual volume of water supplied as measured by meter (reduced by the abated quantity, if any) is more than one hundred and six thousand cubic metres, an annual charge is payable the amount of which is shown in the Metered Charges Schedule.

(e) Reservation Charges  
In cases where the consumer has an alternative supply to the one provided by Thames Water, the consumer shall pay reservation charges as may be approved from time to time by the Water Services Regulation Authority. These approved charges will be published on the Thames Water website ([www.thameswater.co.uk](http://www.thameswater.co.uk))

(f) Surface water rebate  
The rebate provision of clause 4(1)(c) will also apply.

### Wastewater charges where water supply to connected premises is obtained in pursuance of a relevant abstraction licence

6 Subject to the succeeding provisions of this scheme, there shall be payable to Thames Water in respect of connected premises where a water supply is obtained in

pursuance of a relevant abstraction licence, the charges referred to in either paragraphs (1), (2) or (3) below, as the case may be:

(1) Where the consumer has delivered returns the contents of which are accepted as accurate by Thames Water specifying (for such period of twelve months as may be required by Thames Water) both the volume of water abstracted in pursuance of the relevant abstraction licence for use on the connected premises and the volume of water so abstracted which was discharged to a public sewer, an amount equal to the sum of the following charges:

the volume charge in (a) or (b) below; plus the graduated fixed charge in (c) below; plus the annual charge (if applicable) in (d) below;

(a) Volume charge - standard tariff  
The amount produced by multiplying the volume of water so discharged (as shown on the relevant return), by a rate per cubic metre, as shown in the Metered Charges Schedule;

(b) Volume charge - large volume user tariff  
For each single site in respect of which the annual volume of waste water discharged is more than one hundred and six thousand cubic metres, the volume charge will be a rate per cubic metre as shown in the Metered Charges Schedule under the heading "Large Volume User Tariff" provided that Thames Water may at its absolute discretion determine that

consumer who enjoys the benefits of a special agreement regarding wastewater services will not be eligible for the large volume user tariff.

(c) Graduated fixed charge

(i) A graduated fixed charge in respect of each meter used to measure the supply to the customer, the amount of which is shown in the Metered Charges Schedule fixed by reference to the size of the meter. Level One or Level Two will apply as appropriate.

(ii) where Thames Water is satisfied that of the water supplied to the relevant connected premises (as shown on the relevant return) a quantity is not discharged to a public sewer such that the meter size could be at least one size smaller, then the relevant amount shall be abated at the discretion of Thames Water.

(iii) No abatement of the fixed charge will be granted in respect of any contents discharged to the public sewer from connected premises which constitutes trade effluent in respect of which volume charges are payable under the Thames Water Trade Effluent Charges Scheme 2010.

(d) Annual charge - large volume user tariff  
For each single site in respect of which the annual volume of waste water discharged is more than one hundred and six thousand cubic metres, an annual charge is payable the amount of which is shown in the Metered Charges Schedule. or (2) In the case where a consumer has not delivered

such a return of water discharged to a public sewer as is specified in the preceding paragraph (1) but has delivered a return the contents of which have been accepted as accurate by Thames Water specifying the volume of water abstracted in pursuance of the relevant abstraction licence for use on the connected premises for such period of twelve months as may be required by Thames Water an amount equal to the sum of the following charges:  
the volume charge in (a) or (b) below; plus  
the graduated fixed charge in (c) below; plus  
the annual charge (if applicable) in (d) below;

*(a) Volume charge - standard tariff*

*The amount produced by multiplying the volume of water so abstracted (as shown on the relevant return) by a rate per cubic metre, as shown in the Metered Charges Schedule provided that where it is shown to the satisfaction of Thames Water that of the volume of water so abstracted a quantity greater than ten per cent (less any quantity which in Thames Water's opinion has been lost through leakage) is not discharged to a public sewer that volume shall for the purposes of this calculation be reduced by such quantity from the date on which this was brought to the attention of Thames Water in writing.*

*(b) Volume charge - large volume user tariff*

*For each single site in respect of which the annual volume of water used*

*(reduced by the abated quantity if any) is more than one hundred and six thousand cubic metres, the volume charge will be a rate per cubic metre as shown in the Metered Charges Schedule under the heading "Large Volume User Tariff" provided that Thames Water may at its absolute discretion determine that consumer who enjoys the benefits of a special agreement regarding wastewater services will not be eligible for the large volume user tariff.*

*(c) Graduated fixed charge*

*(i) A graduated fixed charge in respect of each meter used to measure the supply to the customer, the amount of which is shown in the Metered Charges Schedule fixed by reference to the size of the meter.*

*(ii) where Thames Water is satisfied that of the water supplied to the relevant connected premises (as shown on the relevant return) a quantity is not discharged to a public sewer such that the meter size could be at least one size smaller, then the relevant amount shall be abated at the discretion of Thames Water.*

*(iii) No abatement of the fixed charge will be granted in respect of any contents discharged to the public sewer from connected premises which constitutes trade effluent in respect of which volume charges are payable under the Thames Water Trade Effluent Charges Scheme 2010.*

*(d) Annual charge - large volume user tariff*

*For each single site in respect of which the annual volume of water used (reduced by the abated quantity if any) is more than one hundred and six thousand cubic metres, an annual charge is payable the amount of which is shown in the Metered Charges Schedule.*

or (3) In the case where a consumer has delivered neither such return of water discharged to a public sewer as is specified in the preceding paragraph (1) nor such return of the water abstracted under the relevant abstraction licence as is specified in paragraph (2), then an amount equal to the sum of the charges referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) below:

*(a) Volume charge*

*The amount produced by multiplying the volume of water authorised to be abstracted under the relevant abstraction licence in the relevant preceding twelve month period by a rate per cubic metre, as shown in the Metered Charges Schedule provided that where it is shown to the satisfaction of Thames Water that of the volume of water so authorised to be abstracted a quantity greater than ten per cent (less any quantity which in Thames Water's opinion has been lost through leakage) is not discharged to a public sewer that volume shall for the purposes of this calculation be reduced by such quantity from the date on which this was brought to the attention of Thames Water in writing.*

*(b) Graduated fixed charge*

*(i) A graduated fixed charge in respect of each meter used to measure the supply to the customer, the amount of which is shown in the Metered Charges Schedule fixed by reference to the size of the meter.*

*(ii) Where Thames Water is satisfied that of the water supplied to the relevant connected premises (as shown on the relevant return) a quantity is not discharged to a public sewer such that the meter size could be at least one size smaller, then the relevant amount shall be abated at the discretion of Thames Water.*

*(iii) No abatement of the fixed charge will be granted in respect of any contents discharged to the public sewer from connected premises which constitutes trade effluent in respect of which volume charges are payable under the Thames Water Trade Effluent Charges Scheme 2010.*

### **Wastewater charges where there is only a surface water discharge from connected premises to sewer**

7 With the exception of domestic garages, car spaces and storage areas charged under Clause 4.7 there shall be payable to Thames Water in respect of each connected premises where surface water only is discharged from such premises to a public sewer, a fixed charge only, the amount of which is shown in the Metered and Unmetered Charges Schedules. Such fixed charge will apply only in respect of premises

with a net annual value (or notional net annual value fixed under sub-clause 4(5) as the case may be) equal to or exceeding £50.

### **Aggregation of charges**

8 (1) Subject to sub-clause 8 (2) If the water supply to any connected premises is on a basis falling under more than one of clauses 4, 5, 6 and 7 then the charges payable shall be the sum of the charges provided for under the relevant clauses.

(2) Where water is supplied to connected premises by Thames Water or another water undertaker and is measured by meter and the connected premises also obtains a water supply measured by meter in pursuance of a relevant abstraction licence, the lower (or lowest where relevant) of the graduated fixed charges referred to in sub-clauses 5(c)(i) and 6(c)(i), will not be payable.

### **Selective Metering**

9 Thames Water may at its discretion resolve at any time in respect of any connected premises that consumers may be required (upon not less than twenty eight days notice in writing being given to the consumer) to pay wastewater charges by reference to the volume of water supplied to the connected premises and on the terms contained in Clause 5 PROVIDED ALWAYS that Thames Water may not begin to fix charges by reference to volume in respect of any connected premises until such time as the consumer is also liable to take and pay for water supplied to the connected

premises (whether or not by Thames Water) by reference to the volume supplied.

### **Business Assessed Charges**

10 (1) Where Thames Water has made a resolution under Clause 9, it may determine at any time and at its discretion, that it is not reasonably practicable to meter specific premises within the category and in respect of which the consumer is not entitled to serve a Measured Charges Notice. Such determinations will be made by a duly authorised employee of Thames Water.

(2) Where Thames Water has made a determination under sub-clause (1) charges in respect of the specific premises which are subject to the determination shall be payable as set out in sub-clause (3) on the basis of an assessment of the quantity of water to be supplied ("the assessed quantity") as determined by Thames Water and shown by reference to charge bands in the Business Assessed Charges Schedule.

(3) There shall be payable to Thames Water in respect of the assessed quantity an amount equal to the sum of the charges referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) below:

*(a) Business assessed charge*  
*An amount calculated by multiplying the assessed quantity by the rate per cubic metre as shown in the Business Assessed Charges Schedule provided that where it is shown to the satisfaction of Thames Water that more than ten percent of the assessed quantity (excluding any quantity which in Thames Water's*

*opinion has been lost through leakage) is not discharged to a public sewer, the assessed quantity shall be reduced by the total quantity of water (excluding leakage) which in Thames Water's opinion has not been discharged to the sewer.*

*(b) Graduated fixed charge*  
*A graduated fixed charge in respect of each service pipe providing a supply of water to the customer the amount of which is shown in the enclosed Schedule fixed by Thames Water by reference to the size of the relevant service pipe (including where appropriate a notional pipe size at the discretion of Thames Water).*

(4) The business assessed charge will be based on information provided to Thames Water by the consumer, or equivalent information obtained by Thames elsewhere. Where such information is not forthcoming, there shall be payable to Thames Water a charge equivalent to one levied in accordance with Clause 4 where the connected premises appears in the valuation list. In other cases, Thames Water will have total discretion to calculate the business assessed charge on the basis of average charges for other premises within its region who are charged on an assessed basis.

## Payment of charges where water supply to connected premises is unmetered

11 (1) Rate based charges together with fixed charges and charges for domestic garages, car spaces and store areas shall be due and payable annually in advance on 1st April each year; provided that consumers may choose to pay such charges (following the service of a written notice to Thames Water to that effect) by one of the following methods:

a) two, eight, ten or twelve instalments on dates to be agreed with Thames Water.

b) consumers who find it easier to pay more frequently (such as fortnightly) may do so, but they will first need to make special arrangements with Thames Water.

(2) Where the consumer has chosen to pay by instalments and any such instalment is not paid within twenty one days of the date it is payable, then the whole of the annual charges then remaining unpaid shall thereupon become payable.

(3) Where a customer goes into occupation of connected premises on a day other than 1st April in any year and charges become due to be paid under sub-clause (2) in respect thereof, there shall be payable in advance a time apportioned part only of those charges for the relevant year.

(4) Persons Chargeable

a) The person responsible for payment of charges under this scheme shall be

the occupier of the connected premises except where some other person is liable by agreement with Thames Water.

b) Where there are two or more people occupying the connected premises, the occupiers shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of the charges.

c) Where the relevant connected premises to which the supply is made are divided into bed-sitting rooms with communal facilities, the owner of the premises shall be regarded as the occupier and be liable for charges except where some other person has paid the charges or is liable by agreement with Thames Water.

(5) Where in any year a consumer who has paid the charges to be paid under sub-clauses (2) or (3) gives notice in writing to Thames Water that he intends to vacate connected premises, he shall be entitled to recover from Thames Water a time apportioned part of those charges paid by him in respect of that year as from the date on which he ceases to be in occupation of such premises.

(6) Where in any charging year the consumer in the case of an individual:

a) dies; or

b) has a bankruptcy order made against them or an interim receiver of their property appointed; or

c) has a voluntary arrangement approved

under Part VIII of the Insolvency Act 1986; or

d) enters into a deed of arrangement with their creditors; or in the case of a limited company:

e) the company has been dissolved; or

f) has an administration order made; or

g) has an administrative receiver appointed; or

h) has a voluntary arrangement approved under Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 take effect; or

i) goes into liquidation; or

j) has a provisional liquidator appointed;

then notwithstanding that the charges to be paid under sub-clause (1) are otherwise due and payable, Thames Water shall limit the charges payable to the amount of charges due and owing calculated up to and including the relevant date of each of (a) to (j) above for that year.

## Payment of charges for metered supplies

12 (1) The charges calculated for metered supplies shall be due and payable when the volume of water supplied has been ascertained and a bill in respect thereof issued; provided that consumers may choose to pay such charges (following the service of a written notice to Thames Water

to that effect) by monthly instalments (the actual date payable to be agreed with Thames Water). The instalments will be calculated by Thames Water to cover charges which Thames Water estimates will be accrued between bills and adjusted accordingly after every other occasion when a meter reading has been taken. Consumers who find it easier to pay more frequently (such as fortnightly) may do so, but they will first need to make special arrangements with Thames Water.

(2) Where the consumer has chosen to pay by instalments and any such instalment is not paid by the date it is payable, then the whole of the metered charges then remaining unpaid shall thereupon become payable.

(3) The record by the meter of the volume of water supplied shall be taken by Thames Water (except where the water is not supplied by Thames Water) as nearly as practicable on the corresponding day of each billing period.

Where a reading is not taken for any reason Thames Water may calculate a bill based on an estimate of the volume of water supplied. Where a bill has been calculated on the basis of such an estimate, the consumer may read the meter himself and provide the reading to Thames Water. Provided the consumer provides such a meter reading within 28 days of the date of the bill, Thames Water shall issue an amended bill based on that reading. A

billing period shall not normally exceed one year.

#### (4) Persons Chargeable

a) The person responsible for payment of charges under this scheme shall be the occupier of the connected premises except where some other person is liable by agreement with Thames Water.

b) Where there are two or more people occupying the connected premises, the occupiers shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of the charges.

(5) Where a meter is installed for charging purposes in premises during a charging year in respect of which the consumer has already received an account for rate based charges, the consumer will only be liable to pay a time apportioned part of the previous account calculated up to but excluding the date on which the meter is installed. Where the previous account has been paid in full or in part, the consumer will be entitled to recover any payment made over and above the amount for which he is liable by virtue of the preceding provisions of this sub-clause. From the date of installation the consumer shall be liable for the charges to be paid under sub-clause (2).

(6) Where a billing period is for a period during which a new volume charge is fixed by Thames Water, Thames Water may calculate the bill on an apportioned basis whereby some of the volume of water supplied is charged at the old rate with the balance of the water supplied charged at

the new rate. Thames Water may calculate the apportionment based on an estimate by Thames Water of the volume of water supplied prior to the commencement of the new volume charge.

(7) Where the consumer is also the occupier of the relevant premises Thames Water may continue to hold him responsible for the payment of metered charges after he has ceased to be in occupation if:

(a) he fails to inform Thames Water (or other relevant undertaker) of the ending of his occupation of such premises at least two working days before he ceases to occupy them; and

b) the charges are in respect of a period ending no later than whichever of the following first occurs after he ceases to occupy such premises; that is to say:

*(i) he informs Thames Water (or other relevant water undertaker) of the ending of his occupation of such premises less than two working days before, or at any time after, he ceases to occupy them, the twenty-eighth day after he so informs them;*

*(ii) any date on which any meter would normally have been read in order for the amount of the charges to be determined;*

*(iii) any date on which any other person informs Thames Water (or other relevant water undertaker) that he has become the new occupier of such premises.*

## Metered supplies - Adjustment of Charges

13 (1) Where a meter has been tested and is shown to have registered incorrectly (or not at all) Thames Water shall be entitled to make an estimate of the quantity supplied and adjust the charges in accordance with the Regulations. This could lead to either a refund being made to the consumer, or an invoice to the customer for any balance of charges that may be due.

(2) Where a meter is connected to a supply of water, or Thames Water has given notice of its intention to connect a meter to premises:

*(i) which do not appear in the valuation list; and*

*(ii) in respect of which a notional net annual value has not been determined by Thames Water; and*

*(iii) in respect of which no account has been rendered by Thames Water to the current occupier for any billing period prior to the installation of the meter;*

Thames Water shall be entitled to render an account for any billing period prior to the installation of the meter based on an estimate by Thames Water of the volume of water supplied.

(3) (i) Where a leak has been detected downstream of the meter on a metered supply to a house and where the leaking pipe has been repaired within six weeks of that leak coming to the attention of Thames Water, the consumer's account will be credited with a leakage allowance calculated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) of this subclause

*(ii) The leakage allowance will be calculated by Thames Water (whose decision shall be final) on the basis of Thames Water's estimate of water lost through leakage. Thames Water shall base their estimate on past use at the relevant premises. Where there is no such record, the estimate will be based on typical water use for similar premises, but may be reviewed by Thames Water at a later date, and entirely at their discretion, on the basis of future water use at the relevant premises.*

*(iii) The leakage allowance will be granted for a period commencing with the billing period prior to the billing period in which the leak came to Thames Water's attention and ending on the date the leak is repaired.*

*(iv) Where a leakage allowance has been granted under this sub-clause 13(3), no further allowance will be granted to the same consumer for any subsequent leaks on the same pipe.*

## Payment of Business Assessed Charges

14 (1) Charges based on the assessed quantity shall be due and payable annually in advance on 1st April each year, provided that consumers may choose to pay such charges (following the service of a written notice to Thames Water to that effect) by one of the following methods:

a) two equal instalments payable on 1st April and 1st October each year; or

b) twelve equal instalments payable each month from April to March inclusive; or

(2) Where the consumer has chosen to pay by instalments and any such instalment is not paid within twenty one days of the date it is payable, then the whole of the annual charges then remaining unpaid shall thereupon become payable.

(3) Where a customer commences to receive a supply of water to his premises on a day other than 1st April in any year and charges becomes due to be paid under sub-clause (2) in respect of that supply, there shall be payable in advance a time apportioned part only of those charges for the relevant year.

(4) Persons Chargeable

a) The person responsible for payment of charges under this scheme shall be the occupier of the connected premises except where some other person is liable by agreement with Thames Water.

b) Where there are two or more people occupying the connected premises, the occupiers shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of the charges.

c) Where the connected premises is let on a tenancy of less than twelve months or licence, the owner of the premises shall be regarded as the occupier and be liable for charges except where some other person has paid the charges or is liable by agreement with Thames Water.

(5) Where a consumer has received from Thames Water an account for rate based charges for a particular charging year and during the course of that year Thames Water determines that the relevant premises shall be subject to charges based on the assessed quantity, then the consumer will only be liable to pay a time apportioned part of the previous account calculated up to and including the date of Thames Water's determination. Where the previous account has been paid in full or in part, the consumer will be entitled to recover any payment made over and above the amount for which he is liable by virtue of the preceding provisions of this sub-clause. For the remainder of that year the consumer shall be liable to pay charges based on the assessed quantity on a time apportioned basis commencing the day after Thames Water's determination.

(6) Where in any year a customer who has paid the charges to be paid under sub-clause (2), (3) or (4) gives notice in writing to Thames Water of his desire that the supply of water to his premises be discontinued, he shall be entitled to recover from Thames Water a time apportioned part of those charges paid by him in respect of that year as from the date when Thames Water could reasonably discontinue the supply following receipt of the notice.

(7) Where in any charging year the consumer, in the case of an individual:

a) dies; or

b) has a bankruptcy order made against them or an interim receiver of their property appointed; or

c) has a voluntary arrangement approved under Part VIII of the Insolvency Act 1986; or

d) enters into a deed of arrangement with their creditors; or in the case of a limited company;

e) the company has been dissolved; or

f) has an administration order made; or

g) has an administrative receiver appointed; or

h) has a voluntary arrangement approved under Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 take effect; or

i) goes into liquidation; or

j) has a provisional liquidator appointed;

then notwithstanding that the charges to be paid under sub-clauses (2), (3) and (4) are otherwise due and payable, Thames Water shall limit the charges payable to the amount of charges due and owing calculated up to and including the relevant date of each of (a) to (j) above for that year.

## Payment of Charges where water supply is obtained in pursuance of a relevant abstraction licence

15 (1) The person responsible for payment of charges where the water supply is obtained in pursuance of a relevant abstraction licence shall be the occupier of the relevant connected premises except where some other person is liable by agreement with Thames Water.

(2) The charges calculated shall be due and payable when the volume of water supplied has been ascertained and a bill in respect thereof issued; provided that the consumer may choose to pay such charges (following the service of a written notice to Thames Water to that effect) by monthly instalments on the third day of each month.

(3) Where the consumer has chosen to pay by instalments and any such instalment is not paid within twenty one days of the date it is payable, then the whole of the charges then remaining unpaid shall thereupon become payable.

(4) Where a customer goes into occupation of connected premises on a day other than 1st April in any year and charges become due in respect thereof, there shall be payable a time apportioned part only of those charges;

(5) Where in any year a customer who has paid the charges to be paid under this clause gives notice in writing to Thames Water that he intends to vacate the connected premises, he shall be entitled to recover from Thames Water a time apportioned part of those charges paid by him in respect of that year as from the date on which he ceases to be in occupation of such premises.

(6) If, after 31st March in any year, it is shown to the satisfaction of Thames Water that during the year prior to 1st April the volume of water abstracted or authorised to be abstracted in pursuance of the relevant abstraction licence for use on the connected premises, or the volume of such water discharged to a public sewer as the case may be, differs substantially from the volumes on which the charges payable under sub-clause (2) were based, the requisite adjustment in the amount of such charges to take account of such differing volumes may be made in such manner as may be practicable and as Thames Water may consider suitable in the circumstances of the particular case.

## Other charges

16 (1) For services performed, facilities provided or rights made available in pursuance of the wastewater and sewage disposal functions of Thames Water, other than services, facilities or rights which a customer is entitled to demand in respect of connected premises, Thames Water may make such charges to persons in receipt of or benefiting from such services, facilities or rights as appear to it to be appropriate having regard to cost, such charges to be payable at such times as shall be fixed by resolution of Thames Water.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-clause (1) and its ability to fix further charges, some other charges which have already been fixed by Thames Water are shown in the Sundry Charges Schedule. These are charges for the reception, treatment and disposal of the contents of cesspools and septic tanks in accordance with the following provisions -

*(a) The charges shall have regard to the estimated annual regional costs of the service for the relevant year;*

*(b) There shall be two rates of charge based on the strength of the effluent received from the cesspools and/or septic tanks. These rates apply to those sites where the strength of effluent is monitored.*

*(i) The first rate will apply to effluent with a suspended solids (SS) strength of 399 milligrammes per litre (mg/l) or less*

*(ii) The second rate will apply to effluent with a SS strength of 400 mg/l and above*

*(c) The charges shall be calculated by multiplying the charge for monitored loads per cubic metre as shown in the Sundry Charges Schedule fixed by reference to the quantity delivered to Thames Water;*

*(d) The charges shall be payable by the person requesting the service forthwith on delivery of an account by Thames Water to him;*

*(e) The rate of charge to be applied shall be determined on the basis of Thames Water's measurement of the strength of the effluent. However, where for any reason no such measurement is made, the rate of charge shall be calculated by multiplying the charge as shown in the Sundry Charges Schedule fixed by reference to the quantity delivered to Thames Water.*

## Payment Methods

17 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Clause, payment for any charges made under this scheme at any of the agreed frequencies may be made using any of the following methods:

a) by direct debit,

b) by standing order,

c) by credit/debit card online at [www.thameswater.co.uk](http://www.thameswater.co.uk) or calling us on 0845 9200 888

d) at a bank – cash or cheque Take the payment slip to the bank with your payment. If you pay at your own bank or a branch of the National Westminster Bank, this service is usually free of charge.

e) Using the home banking facility - by quoting your bank account number and Thames Water account number – 00286125, sort code 57-27-53

f) Using a PayPoint facility - by taking your cash payment to a PayPoint outlet displaying the PayPoint symbol

g) By post – send your cheque or postal order (not cash) to Thames Water, Customer Centre, PO Box 234, Swindon, SN38 3TW

h) At the Post Office - subject to the Post Office's transaction fee. As at 1 April 2009 this fee is £2.30 but it can change each year.

## NB

Where home banking facilities are being used, the consumer must quote his account number and the following Thames Water account number - 00286125 sort code 57-27-53.

(2) Where a consumer owes arrears from a previous billing period and receives the following benefits, (Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (formerly Income Support until 27/10/08), Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Pensions Credit, it may be possible to pay the arrears by direct payments. This means that agreed amounts would be deducted from the consumer's benefits and paid to Thames Water direct. Any consumer who wishes to join this scheme should contact Thames Water.

(3) In the case of charges assessed under Clause 10 instalment arrangements will only be accepted where direct debits are used.

(4) It should be noted that where a customer's charges are payable by a third party (for example the customer's Landlord), then the range of available payment methods may differ from those set out in this scheme (for example they may be collected by the Landlord together with the rent payments).

(5) Where payment has been tendered by cheque or direct debit which has not been honoured by the bank on which it has been drawn the consumer will be liable to pay an additional administration charge as set by Thames Water from time to time.

## Trade Effluent Charges

18 Nothing in this scheme shall be taken to authorise Thames Water to levy any charges under this scheme in respect of any trade effluent discharge to a public sewer which is the subject of a consent granted by Thames Water under the provisions of the Act or an Agreement entered into under the Act.

19 Where premises discharge both sewage and trade effluent, Thames Water will determine, at its discretion but following consultation with the customer, the proportion of the discharge which is to be charged under this Scheme and the proportion which is to be charged under the Thames Water Trade Effluent Charges Scheme 2009.

## Charge Variations For Empty Properties

20 (1) No charges will be payable in respect of:

(a) unmetered supplies under Clause 4: and

(b) fixed charges for metered supplies under Clause 5 (1)(e) in respect of any period during which the consumer is able to demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of Thames Water that the premises are both unoccupied and unfurnished.

(2) Premises will not be regarded as "unoccupied" for the purposes of 16(1) if they are:

(a) subject to building or renovation works; or

(b) newly built premises prior to transfer of ownership from the builder.

(3) No charges will be payable in respect of:

(a) unmetered supplies under Clause 4; and

(b) fixed charges for metered supplies under Clause 5 (1)(e) in respect of any continuous period of three months or more during which the consumer is able to demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of Thames Water that the premises are unoccupied and the customer is living in a care home or nursing home.

(4) Premises which are subject to business assessed charges under Clause 10 and which are unoccupied and unfurnished as a

result of building or renovation works will be liable to pay full charges for the first three calendar months during which the premises are unoccupied and unfurnished. Thereafter and for the remainder of the period during which the premises are unoccupied and unfurnished, charges under Clause 10(3)(a) will not be payable.

(5) The above charging variations will only apply to the period during which this scheme is in force and must be claimed by the customer.  
No claim will be allowed for any period more than 6 months prior to the date of the claim.

## Further information and complaints procedure

21 (1) Any person who plans to move to a property within the Thames Water area may obtain information on the basis on which charges will be payable for that property by either:

(a) calling on telephone number 0845 9200 888; or

(b) writing to Thames Water at PO Box 286, Swindon SN38 2RA

(c) visiting [www.thameswater.co.uk](http://www.thameswater.co.uk) and completing an enquiry form

(2) Thames Water's complaints procedure is set out in its Customer Code of Practice and summarised in the leaflet "Our Quality Promise".

# Trade Effluent charges scheme 2010

1. This scheme, which revokes all previous Trade Effluent Charges Schemes made by Thames Water may be referred to as “the Thames Water Trade Effluent Charges Scheme 2010” is made by Thames Water Utilities Limited under section 143 of the Water Industry Act 1991 and shall operate from 1st April 2010 until 31st March 2011 inclusive.

## Interpretation

2. (1) Subject to sub-clause (2), the Interpretation Act 1978 shall have effect for the interpretation of this scheme as it has effect for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires: -

### “the 1991 Act”

means the Water Industry Act 1991;

### “billing period”

means a period of time determined at the discretion of Thames Water and in respect of which Thames Water may submit a bill to the person liable to pay trade effluent charges for any discharges made under this scheme in respect of relevant premises;

### “Consent”

means a consent given pursuant to a trade effluent notice served on Thames Water (or its predecessors) under the 1991 Act or under any predecessor legislation;

### “consumer”

means the person who is for the time being the person on whom the liability to pay charges to Thames Water in respect of trade effluent discharges would fall;

### “the Licence”

means the Instrument of Appointment dated August 1989 where by the Secretary of State for the Environment appointed Thames Water as (inter alia) a sewerage (wastewater) undertaker for the area described therein and includes any subsequent amendments;

### “public sewer”

shall have the same meaning as in the 1991 Act;

### “relevant premises”

means trade premises from which a trade effluent is discharged into the public sewers of Thames Water whether or not via an intervening pipe or conduit;

### “Thames Water”

means Thames Water Utilities Limited;

### “trade effluent” and “trade premises”

have the meanings assigned to these expressions in section 141 of the 1991 Act;

### “ Trade Effluent Charges Schedule”

means the Schedule of Trade Effluent Charges fixed by Thames Water for the financial year 2010 - 2011 which is enclosed with and forms part of this scheme.

## General

3. (1) It is intended that the charges to be made under this scheme for the availability of facilities and the reception of trade effluent from relevant premises into Thames Water’s public sewers will provide the income necessary to finance the reception, conveyance, treatment and disposal of trade effluent in pursuance of the wastewater and sewage disposal function of Thames Water. These charges will be fixed with due regard to the principles laid down in Chapter 1 of Part V of the 1991 Act and in the Licence.

(2) Charges under this scheme will have regard to the volume and strength of the trade effluent discharges from relevant premises related to the cost of reception, conveyance, treatment and disposal of sewage averaged over the whole Thames Water’s area.

(3) The charges under this scheme are levied in accordance with the provisions of the 1991 Act and the Licence and any taxes imposed by law on the making of such charges shall be recoverable in addition to such charges.

## Charges

4. (1) Subject to the succeeding provisions of this scheme there shall be payable to Thames Water in respect of the reception of trade effluent discharge from relevant premises into Thames Water’s public sewers in pursuance of a Consent or Agreement.

(i) The greater in any billing period of

(a) charges derived by applying to the volume of trade effluent as calculated under the terms of the relevant Consent or Agreement, a charge calculated either in accordance with the formula set out in sub-clause (2) below or by reference to the charges for agreed strength discharges set out in the Trade Effluent Charges Schedule. This formula may be varied by Agreement when special circumstances apply (e.g. capital contributions by the charge payer for works on Thames Water’s infrastructure);  
or

(b) the appropriate portion of the annual minimum charge shown in the Trade Effluent Charges Schedule plus

(ii) any charges for sampling and analysis which might be applicable by virtue of subclause (4) below,  
plus

(iii) any additional treatment charges which may apply by virtue of sub-clause (5) below.

(2)(i) Volume and strength charge - standard tariff

The charge per cubic metre of trade effluent shall be derived from the formula -

$$R + V + \frac{O_t}{O_s} B + \frac{S_t}{S_s} S$$

where

R = the amount shown in the Trade Effluent Charges Schedule. This is the average volume related wastewater charge for receiving into its public sewers and conveying one cubic metre of foul sewage to Thames Water's sewage treatment works;

V = the amount shown in the Trade Effluent Charges Schedule. This is the average charge by Thames Water for primary treatment of one cubic metre of foul sewage at Thames Water's sewage treatment works;

Ot = the Chemical Oxygen Demand of the trade effluent (in milligrams per litre) after one hour quiescent settlement or such other parameter as may be determined by Thames Water;

Os = the Chemical Oxygen Demand of average strength settled foul sewage (in milligrammes per litre) after one hour quiescent settlement or such other parameter as determined at Thames Water's sewage treatment works;

B = the amount shown in the Trade Effluent Charges Schedule. This is the average charge by Thames Water for biological oxidation of one cubic metre of foul sewage at Thames Water's sewage treatment works;

St = the total suspended solids settleable in one hour from the trade effluent at pH 7.0 or at the pH of mixed sewage (in milligrammes per litre);

Ss = the total suspended solids removed from average strength foul sewage by settlement (in milligrammes per litre) in one hour at pH 7.0 or the pH of mixed sewage as determined by Thames Water;

S = the amount shown in the Trade Effluent Charges Schedule. This is the average charge by Thames Water, per cubic metre of sewage received, for treatment and disposal of sludge from Thames Water's sewage treatment works;

*(ii) Volume and strength charge  
- large volume user tariff*

For each relevant premises in respect of which the consumer pays to Thames Water the additional sum shown in the Trade Effluent Charges Schedule the values of R, V, B and S in the above formula will be as shown in the said Schedule under the heading "Large Volume User Tariff" provided that Thames Water may at its absolute discretion determine that a consumer who has a special agreement regarding trade effluent charges will not be eligible for the large volume user tariff.

(3) In sub-clause (2) references to Ot and St will in each case refer to values which have been determined by one of the following methods:-

*(i) by reference to the mid point of a band determined by Thames Water by samples taken for charging purposes;*

OR

*(ii) where:  
(a) the maximum daily discharge permitted under a Consent exceeds 400m<sup>3</sup>; or*

*(b) the values of Ot and St for a relevant Consent are highly variable; or*

*(c) the values of Ot and St for a relevant Consent exceed the maximum value in the bands determined by Thames Water under paragraph (i) of this sub-clause by reference to a sampling programme directed by Thames Water.*

OR

*(iii) for certain categories of premises determined by Thames Water, by reference to a standard value determined by Thames Water.*

(4) Where the strength of the trade effluent subject to this scheme is unknown, Thames Water will take, for analysis, the number of samples statistically required to demonstrate the accurate trade effluent strength for charging purposes. The sampling and analysis charge payable under sub-clause (1) (ii) above shall be the charge shown in the Trade Effluent Charges Schedule.

(5) Where the trade effluent requires treatment for ammoniacal nitrogen in addition to that reflected by the formula detailed in sub-clause (2) the charge payable under paragraph (iii) of sub-clause (1) shall be the charge per cubic metre

shown in the Trade Effluent Charges Schedule on the basis of the concentration of ammoniacal nitrogen per mg/l in excess of 35mg/l expressed as a fraction of 35.

(6) Charges under this scheme shall be payable by the person to whom the necessary Consent referred to in sub-clause (1) was granted or, as the case may be, any person who makes a discharge of trade effluent at any time during the period to which the charge relates.

### Application Fee

5. The application fee shown in the Trade Effluent Charges Schedule shall be payable to Thames Water by the consumer when applying for a Consent.

### Other Charges

6. For services performed, facilities provided or rights made available in pursuance of the Trade Effluent function of Thames Water, other than those referred to above, Thames Water may fix by resolution or by agreement such charges to be payable by persons in receipt of or benefiting from such services, facilities or rights as appear to Thames Water to be appropriate having regard to cost and such supplementary charges, if any, as may in the opinion of Thames Water be necessary to comply with any statutory orders, directions, undertakings, determinations or similar obligations affecting Thames Water.

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### Payment of charges

7. (1) The application fee referred to in clause 5 shall be payable before the application for a Consent is processed by Thames Water.

(2) Other charges referred to in the preceding clauses shall be payable on demand when the volume of trade effluent discharged has been ascertained. Where it has not been possible to ascertain the volume of trade effluent discharged for any reason, Thames Water may calculate a bill based on an estimate of the said volume. A billing period shall not normally exceed one year.

(3) Charges to persons ceasing to discharge a trade effluent from relevant premises or commencing a new discharge from such premises shall be the greater of the appropriate volumetric charge for the relevant period of a year or a time apportioned part of the minimum annual charge, shown in the enclosed schedule fixed by Thames Water.

8. Nothing in this charges scheme shall affect any power of Thames Water to fix by resolution or to make any such agreement as to charges as they are empowered to make.

### Wastewater Charges

9. Where premises discharge both trade effluent and sewage, Thames Water will determine, at its discretion, but following consultation with the customer, the proportions of the discharge which is to be charged under this Scheme and the proportion which is to be charged under the Thames Water Wastewater Charges Scheme 2010.

1. This scheme which revokes all previous Infrastructure Charges Schemes made by Thames Water and which may be referred to as “the Thames Water Infrastructure Charges Scheme 2009” is made by Thames Water Utilities Limited under Section 143 of the Act and shall operate from 1st April 2009 until 31st March 2010 inclusive.

### Interpretation

2. (1) Subject to sub-clause (2), the Interpretation Act 1978 shall have effect for the interpretation of this scheme as it has effect for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament;

(2) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

#### “the Act”

means the Water Industry Act 1991 including any statutory amendments whether made before or after the date of this scheme;

#### “connection”

includes a connection to a water supply or a public sewer (as the case may be) via an intervening pipe or conduit not necessarily in the ownership of the customer;

#### “customer”

means a person in ownership or occupation of any premises who requests Thames Water to make a connection to a water supply for domestic purposes or to a public sewer for the drainage for domestic purposes of such premises or for both services or who otherwise makes

arrangements for a connection to be made to such premises for either or both of such services;

#### “domestic purposes”

in relation to a supply of water to any premises or in relation to the drainage of premises has the same meaning as in Sections 218 and 98 of the Act respectively;

#### “Infrastructure Charges Schedule”

means the Schedule of Infrastructure Charges fixed by Thames Water for the financial year 2010 - 2011 which is enclosed with and forms part of this scheme;

#### “the Instalment Amount”

means the aggregate amount which would become due in the relevant year by way of payments of interest and repayments of capital if an amount equal to the Water Infrastructure Charge or as the case may be the Wastewater Infrastructure Charge payable for the relevant connection had been borrowed by Thames Water on terms:

(i) requiring interest to be paid and capital to be repaid in twelve equal instalments; and

(ii) providing for the amount of the interest to be calculated at such rate, and in accordance with such other provision, as may have been determined either by Thames Water with the approval of the Water Services Regulation Authority or, in default of such a determination, by the said Authority;

### *“the Licence”*

means the Instrument of Appointment dated August 1989 where by the Secretary of State for the Environment appointed Thames Water as the water undertaker and the sewerage (wastewater) undertaker for the areas respectively described therein, and includes any subsequent amendments;

### *“premises”*

includes any part of a building which is intended to be occupied as a separate unit;

### *“public sewer” “service pipe”*

“sewerage (wastewater) undertaker” and “water undertaker” have the same meanings as in the Act;

### *“Related Amount” “the Wastewater Infrastructure Charges Limit” and “the Water Infrastructure Charges Limit”*

have the same meanings as in Condition C of the Licence;

### *“Thames Water”*

means Thames Water Utilities Limited;

## **General**

3. (1) It is intended that the charges to be made under this scheme will, with any other relevant sources of revenue, supply income necessary to finance works for the provision of additional capacity in Thames Water’s water supply and wastewater and sewage disposal systems (excluding such works as are expected to be the subject matter of requisitions under Sections 41 and 98 of the Act), to enable premises which require

a connection to such systems for the first time to be provided with water supply and wastewater services for domestic purposes.

(2) Charges payable under this scheme are fixed in accordance with the provisions of the Licence and the Act, and are shown in the Infrastructure Charges Schedule. Any taxes imposed by law on the making of such charges shall be recoverable in addition to such charges.

## **Charges**

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of Condition C of the Licence, where a customer requests Thames Water to make a connection to a water supply of any one or more premises which have never at any previous time been connected to a supply of water provided for domestic purposes by Thames Water or any statutory predecessor to it, or where the customer otherwise makes arrangements for such a connection, there shall be payable to Thames Water in respect of each such premises the charge, (less any Related Amount), shown in the Infrastructure Charges Schedule. Provided that in calculating the total of such premises for the purposes of this charge there shall be deducted from such total any premises on the same site which were separately connected to such water supply at the date of such calculation or within the previous period of five years provided that each such separately connected premises shall be deducted once only in calculating such total.

(2) Subject to the provisions of Condition C of the Licence, where a customer requests Thames Water to make a connection to a public sewer of one or more premises which have never at any previous time been connected to a sewer used for the drainage for domestic purposes of those premises by Thames Water or any statutory predecessor to it, or where the customer otherwise makes arrangements for such a connection, there shall be payable to Thames Water in respect of each such premises the charge, (less any Related Amount), shown in the Infrastructure Charges Schedule.

Provided that in calculating the total of such premises for the purposes of this charge there shall be deducted from such total any premises on the same site which were separately connected to a public sewer at the date of such calculation or within the previous period of five years provided that each such separately connected premises shall be deducted once only in calculating such total.

(3) For information it should be noted that the charges payable under sub-clauses 4(1) and 4(2) above are in addition to the costs incurred in making the actual physical connection to the water main and/or sewer. Thames Water is empowered by the Act to recover expenses reasonably incurred for making such connections and will recover such expenses in addition to raising infrastructure charges.

## **Payment of Charges**

5. (1) Subject to the provisions of clause 5(2), all charges payable under this scheme shall become due and payable within 14 days after demand being made by Thames Water.

(2) Where a request is made by a customer for a connection to a water supply or as the case may be, to a public sewer of premises which are occupied as a dwelling house immediately before the relevant connection is made:

(a) the relevant charges under this scheme shall be paid in full within 14 days after being demanded by Thames Water, or, at the option of the customer;

(b) an amount equal to the Instalment Amount shall be paid in each of the twelve years following the relevant connection being made, on the anniversary of the date on which the first instalment became due under the preceding paragraph subject only to the customer giving such undertakings to that effect as Thames Water may reasonably require.

## Agreements

6. The provisions of this scheme are without prejudice to (a) the power of Thames Water to enter into an agreement with a customer as to the terms on which any charges due in respect of the connection of any premises to a water supply or a public sewer system shall be paid to Thames Water including in particular any agreement to make a lump sum payment (whether or not in advance of the connection or connections being made) in respect of such charges; and (b) the terms of any such Agreement entered into by Thames Water or any statutory predecessor to it prior to 1st April 1990.

## The role of CCWater and how to contact them

The Consumer Council of Water (CCWater) provides a strong voice for water and wastewater consumers in England and Wales and keep in close contact with companies that provide these services as well as the consumers themselves. CCWater London and South East region can be contacted at:

1st Floor  
Victoria Square House  
Victoria Square  
Birmingham  
B2 4AJ

Tel: 08457 581 658 or 0207 931 8502

## Our complaints procedure

A copy of our complaints procedure “Our Quality Promise” can be found at [www.thameswater.co.uk/literature](http://www.thameswater.co.uk/literature) or contact us on 0845 9200 800.

We are committed to providing you with the best possible service. This commitment is backed up by Customer Guarantee Scheme. We also offer a comprehensive range of additional services, at no extra charge, for customers requiring additional assistance. For more information, visit [www.thameswater.co.uk](http://www.thameswater.co.uk) or contact us on 0845 9200 800.

# Getting in touch with us

## Online [www.thameswater.co.uk](http://www.thameswater.co.uk)

We offer a range of online services:

Make a payment, tell us you're moving, find water-saving tips, request a meter, and more.

## By telephone

### Billing

**0845 9200 888**

Minicom service if you are deaf or hard of hearing:

0845 7200 899

We have a wide range of self-service options available 24 hours a day, including:

- Pay your bill with a debit or credit card and hear your balance
- Set up a Direct Debit or payment plan
- Provide a meter reading or request a meter

For queries relating to the payment of your bill, change of address, meter readings and other billing queries, you can speak with our Customer Service Team.

Monday to Friday      8am to 8pm

Saturday                8am to 1pm

## Water and wastewater services

**0845 9200 800**

Minicom service if you are deaf or hard of hearing:

0845 7200 898

- For water and wastewater enquiries
- For emergencies
- Other non-billing enquiries

To contact us from abroad +44 1793 366011

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