

# **July Statement of Significant Changes in relation to Anglian Water Services Limited's primary Wholesale Charges for the Charging Year 2020/21**

## **Introduction**

1. The purpose of this statement of significant changes is to provide our stakeholders with information as to what, if any, significant changes we are considering to our primary wholesale charges for the 2020/21 Charging Year.

## ***Wholesale Charging Rules***

2. Ofwat has issued wholesale charging rules for charges imposed by a water undertaker or a wastewater undertaker to water supply and sewerage licensees respectively ("retailers", including new entrants and sister companies of existing water and sewerage undertakers) for an agreement entered into under section 66D or section 117E of the Water Industry Act 1991 ('WIA91').
3. These are the charges the retailers will have to pay wholesale water and sewerage undertakers in return for the provision of bundled services to support retail service provision.
4. Subject to certain conditions, a section 66D agreement governs the arrangement where a licensed water supplier requests its primary water undertaker to provide it with a supply of water for the purpose of supplying water to the non-household premises of its customers in accordance with the retail authorisation, and the premises are in the area of the undertaker. In such a case it is the duty of the primary water undertaker, in accordance with the agreement, to connect the premises in question with the undertaker's supply system and to provide the supply.
5. Subject to certain conditions, a section 117E agreement governs the arrangement where a licensee asks its primary sewerage undertaker to permit the use of its sewerage system to enable the licensee to provide services to non-household premises under its retail authorisation. In such a case it is the duty of the primary sewerage undertaker to connect relevant drains or sewers to its system and/or take other such steps as necessary to enable the requested use and service performance.

## ***Primary Wholesale Charges***

6. We understand primary charges to be charges that typically involve a meter based annual charge and/or volumetric charge for the wholesale service provision of a supply of water, or sewerage services, including foul, trade effluent and other discharges from eligible premises, and for highway drainage collection and treatment, and including charges for

services provided by a water company under a special agreement (as notified to Ofwat under section 142(6A) of the WIA91). These are the charges per tariff class as set out in our Wholesale Charges Schedule.

7. Also covered by this statement are wholesale network access charges relating to introductions of water and common carriage prices.
8. Non-primary charges relating to services that may be provided by a water company and requested by a licensed retailer in order to deliver services to their customers at an eligible premises, including meter re-sizing charges and trade effluent application fees etc. and charges that do not relate to the provision of services to an eligible premises (for example, fire hydrant charges and treatment of septic tanks) are therefore not covered by this statement.
9. Equally, wholesale connection charges are not covered by this statement. This includes connection charges paid by a developer, requisition charges, infrastructure charges, asset payments, and self-lay charges.
10. However, we will continue to engage with customers regarding any changes in connection charges to be set out in the 2020/21 charging arrangements for developers and self-lay operatives.

***Information about significant changes to our primary Wholesale Charges for 2020/21***

11. Our Wholesale Charges Schedule for 2019/20 includes the existing charges for the current charging year that would be defined as primary wholesale charges on the basis set out above.
12. The document is published on our website at: <https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/siteassets/household/wholesale-charges-schedule-2019-2020.pdf>
13. We do not intend to make any significant changes to the structure of primary wholesale charges for 2020/21.
14. Indicative primary wholesale charges for 2020/21 ("Indicative Charges") will be published on our website by 15 October 2019.
15. Any changes to the level of charges we make in our Indicative Charges compared to the current year will reflect the revenue allowed to Anglian Water for the relevant wholesale price controls as set out in the PR19 Draft Determination, to be published by Ofwat on 18 July 2019. The relevant price controls are those for Network Plus activities (for water services and for wastewater services), Water Resources activities and Bioresources activities.

16. Charges will also reflect any re-balancing of revenue recovery suggested by the latest data available from our on-going cost allocation and charge multiplier analysis (customer number and demand forecasts).

#### *Network Access Charges*

17. We do not intend to make any change in our methodology for the calculation of network access charges for introductions of water and common carriage.

#### *Special Agreements*

18. There has been no change in the special agreements set out in Part 10 of our 2019/20 Wholesale Charges Schedule.

#### **Status of our Statement of Significant Changes**

19. These proposals (and the Indicative Charges) are subject to the review and approval by the Board of Anglian Water Services Limited of the charges for final publication in our Wholesale Charges Schedule for 2020/21, required by 15 January 2020 ("Final Charges"). The level of Final Charges may vary from those of the Indicative Charges due to potential changes between the revenue allowed at the PR19 Draft Determination and the revenue allowed at the PR19 Final Determination. The level of charges may also vary due to the application of updated charge multiplier data compared to that used for Indicative Charges.
20. In the meantime this is a comprehensive assessment of any proposed changes in relation to primary wholesale charges to be enacted in the following charging year.