



Water Industry Act 1991

1991 CHAPTER 56

PART VI

UNDERTAKERS' POWERS AND WORKS

CHAPTER II

PROTECTION OF UNDERTAKERS' WORKS, APPARATUS ETC.

Protection of meters

175 Offence of tampering with meter.

(1) If any person—

- (a) so interferes with a meter used by any relevant undertaker [^{F1}or licensed water supplier] in determining the amount of any charges fixed in relation to any premises as intentionally or recklessly to prevent the meter from showing, or from accurately showing, the volume of water supplied to, or of effluent discharged from, those premises; or
- (b) carries out any works which he knows are likely to affect the operation of such a meter or which require the disconnection of such a meter,

he shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

(2) A person shall not be guilty of an offence under this section in respect of anything done by him with the [^{F2}appropriate consent] .

[^{F3}(3) In subsection (2) above, the “appropriate consent” means—

- (a) if the meter is used by one relevant undertaker, the consent of that undertaker;
- (b) if the meter is used by one licensed water supplier, the consent of that supplier;
- (c) if the meter is used by two or more of the following persons—
 - (i) a relevant undertaker;

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(ii) a licensed water supplier,
the consent of each of those persons.

(4) In subsection (3) above, references to the consent of a relevant undertaker are references to consent under section 176 below.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 175(1)(a) inserted (1.12.2005) by [Water Act 2003 \(c. 37\)](#), ss. 101(1), 105(3), [Sch. 8 para. 40\(2\)](#); S.I. 2005/2714, [art. 3\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. para. 8](#))
- F2** Words in s. 175(2) substituted (1.12.2005) by [Water Act 2003 \(c. 37\)](#), ss. 101(1), 105(3), [Sch. 8 para. 40\(3\)](#); S.I. 2005/2714, [art. 3\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. para. 8](#))
- F3** S. 175(3)(4) inserted (1.12.2005) by [Water Act 2003 \(c. 37\)](#), ss. 101(1), 105(3), [Sch. 8 para. 40\(4\)](#); S.I. 2005/2714, [art. 3\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. para. 8](#))

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