

1977 No. 2165

WATER, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977

Laid before the House of Commons in draft

Made - - - 21st December 1977

Coming into Operation 22nd December 1977

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in respect of England, and the Secretary of State for Wales, in respect of Wales, after consultation with the National Water Council, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 1(1)(2)(7) and (8), 2, and 3(1) and (5) of the Water Charges Equalisation Act 1977(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order in the terms of a draft approved by a resolution of the Commons House of Parliament:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977 and shall come into operation on the day following the day on which it is made.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of this order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In this order—

“the Act” means the Water Charges Equalisation Act 1977;

“equalisation levy” has the same meaning as in section 1 of the Act;

“equalisation payment” has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Act.

(3) Any reference in this order to a numbered article or schedule shall be construed as a reference to the article or schedule bearing that number in this order.

Equalisation levies for the year 1978

3. In respect of the year 1978, it is hereby directed for the purposes of section 1(1) of the Act that each statutory water undertaker mentioned in column (1) of Schedule 1 shall pay to the National Water Council, by way of equalisation levy, in accordance with the provisions of article 5, the amount specified in relation to that undertaker in column (2) of that schedule.

(a) 1977 c. 41.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

Equalisation payments for the year 1978

4. In respect of the year 1978, it is hereby directed for the purposes of section 2(1) of the Act that the National Water Council shall pay to each statutory water undertaker mentioned in column (1) of Schedule 2, by way of equalisation payment, in accordance with the provisions of article 5, the amount specified in relation to that undertaker in column (2) of that schedule.

Instalments and times of payment

5.—(1) Each equalisation levy payable under article 3 and each equalisation payment payable under article 4 shall be paid by four equal quarterly instalments.

(2) One such instalment shall be paid on each of the following dates, that is to say:—

- 15th May 1978;
- 15th August 1978;
- 15th November 1978;
- 15th February 1979.

Article 3

SCHEDULE 1

EQUALISATION LEVIES TO BE PAID BY CERTAIN STATUTORY WATER UNDERTAKERS TO THE NATIONAL WATER COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1978

Column (1) Statutory water undertaker	Column (2) Equalisation levy
	£
North West Water Authority	1,180,000
Southern Water Authority	745,000
Severn-Trent Water Authority	1,047,000
Thames Water Authority	2,165,000
Yorkshire Water Authority	375,000
Bournemouth and District Water Company	246,000
Cambridge Water Company	85,000
Chester Waterworks Company	25,000
Colne Valley Water Company	215,000
East Anglian Water Company	127,000
Hartlepoons Water Company	82,000
Lee Valley Water Company	467,000
Mid Southern Water Company	137,000
Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company	524,000
North Surrey Water Company	268,000
Portsmouth Water Company	556,000
Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Company ..	115,000
South Staffordshire Waterworks Company	938,000
West Hampshire Water Company	174,000
West Kent Water Company	62,000
Wrexham and East Denbighshire Water Company ..	37,000
York Waterworks Company	13,000
Total, equalisation levies	£9,583,000

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

EQUALISATION PAYMENTS TO BE PAID BY THE NATIONAL WATER COUNCIL TO CERTAIN
STATUTORY WATER UNDERTAKERS FOR THE YEAR 1978

Column (1) Statutory water undertaker	Column (2) Equalisation payment
	£
Anglian Water Authority	2,795,000
Northumbrian Water Authority	50,000
South West Water Authority	1,391,000
Welsh National Water Development Authority	3,486,000
Wessex Water Authority	160,000
Bristol Waterworks Company	565,000
East Surrey Water Company	120,000
East Worcester Waterworks Company	55,000
Eastbourne Waterworks Company	307,000
Essex Water Company	48,000
Folkestone and District Water Company	34,000
Mid Kent Water Company	101,000
Mid-Sussex Water Company	269,000
Sunderland and South Shields Water Company	71,000
Sutton District Water Company	78,000
Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company	53,000
Total, equalisation payments	£9,583,000

21st December 1977.

Peter Shore,
Secretary of State for the Environment

20th December 1977.

John Morris,
Secretary of State for Wales.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which relates to the calendar year 1978, —

- (a) directs each of the statutory water undertakers named in Schedule 1 to pay to the National Water Council the equalisation levy specified against its name in that schedule; and
- (b) directs the National Water Council to pay out the aggregate of those levies in the form of equalisation payments to the statutory water undertakers named in Schedule 2, to the amount specified against each undertaker in that schedule.

The equalisation levies and equalisation payments are to be paid by equal quarterly instalments on 15th May, 15th August, and 15th November 1978 and 15th February 1979.

The Order relates to England and Wales.

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