



# Water Industry (Financial Assistance) Act 2012

## 2012 CHAPTER 8

### 1 Financial assistance to reduce charges

In Part 5 of the Water Industry Act 1991, in Chapter 2 (financial assistance for undertakers and licensed water suppliers), after section 154 there is inserted—

#### “154A Financial assistance to reduce charges

- (1) If the Secretary of State considers it desirable to do so, the Secretary of State may give financial assistance for the purpose in subsection (2) to—
  - (a) an English undertaker, or
  - (b) a licensed water supplier that supplies water to premises in accordance with its retail authorisation using the supply system of an English undertaker.
- (2) The purpose is that of securing the reduction of charges payable by customers in an English undertaker's area for the supply of water or the provision of sewerage services.
- (3) The power in subsection (1) may be exercised in relation to all customers in an English undertaker's area or customers of a particular description.
- (4) Financial assistance under subsection (1) may be given in any form and in particular may be given by way of—
  - (a) grant,
  - (b) loan, or
  - (c) guarantee.
- (5) Financial assistance under subsection (1) may be given on such terms and conditions as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (6) Financial assistance under subsection (1) may be given in any manner and in particular may be given—

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- (a) to an English undertaker by means of an arrangement made by the Secretary of State with another English undertaker, or
  - (b) to a licensed water supplier by means of an arrangement made by the Secretary of State with an English undertaker that is a water undertaker.
- (7) A reference in this section to a customer in an English undertaker's area is a reference to—
- (a) a person liable to pay charges to the undertaker in respect of the supply of water or the provision of sewerage services, other than a licensed water supplier, or
  - (b) a person whose premises are supplied with water by a licensed water supplier in accordance with its retail authorisation using the undertaker's supply system.
- (8) In this section a reference to the retail authorisation of a licensed water supplier is to be construed in accordance with section 17A(2).
- (9) In this section “English undertaker” means a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker whose area is wholly or mainly in England.”

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