

1979 No. 1754

WATER, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Water Charges Equalisation Order 1979

*Laid before the House of Commons in draft**Made - - - - 27th December 1979**Coming into Operation 28th December 1979*

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), (3) 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 1979 and shall come into operation on the day following the day on which it is made.

Interpretation

2.—(1) 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.

(2) 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 1980

3. In respect of the year 1980, 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.

Equalisation payments for the year 1980

4. In respect of the year 1980, it is hereby directed for the purposes of section 2(1) of the Act that the National Water Council shall pay to each

(a) 1977 c. 41.

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 1980;
- 15th August 1980;
- 14th November 1980;
- 16th February 1981.

Article 3

SCHEDULE 1

EQUALISATION LEVIES TO BE PAID BY CERTAIN STATUTORY WATER UNDERTAKERS
TO THE NATIONAL WATER COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1980

| Column (1) Statutory water undertaker | Column (2) Equalisation levy |
|--|---------------------------------|
| | £ |
| North West Water Authority | 706,000 |
| Southern Water Authority | 532,000 |
| Thames Water Authority | 4,389,000 |
| Wessex Water Authority | 93,000 |
| Bournemouth and District Water Company | 249,000 |
| Cambridge Water Company | 120,000 |
| Chester Waterworks Company | 46,000 |
| Colne Valley Water Company | 26,000 |
| East Anglian Water Company | 248,000 |
| East Worcestershire Waterworks Company | 26,000 |
| Essex Water Company | 23,000 |
| Hartlepoons Water Company | 98,000 |
| Lee Valley Water Company | 619,000 |
| Mid Southern Water Company | 20,000 |
| Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company | 499,000 |
| North Surrey Water Company | 135,000 |
| Portsmouth Water Company | 496,000 |
| Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Company | 283,000 |
| South Staffordshire Waterworks Company | 922,000 |
| West Hampshire Water Company | 181,000 |
| West Kent Water Company | 4,000 |
| Wrexham and East Denbighshire Water Company | 117,000 |
| Total, equalisation levies | 9,832,000 |

Article 4

SCHEDULE 2

EQUALISATION PAYMENTS TO BE PAID BY THE NATIONAL WATER COUNCIL TO
CERTAIN STATUTORY WATER UNDERTAKERS FOR THE YEAR 1980

| Column (1) Statutory water undertaker | Column (2) Equalisation payment |
|---|------------------------------------|
| | £ |
| Anglian Water Authority | 2,635,000 |
| Northumbrian Water Authority | 856,000 |
| Severn-Trent Water Authority | 632,000 |
| South West Water Authority | 849,000 |
| Welsh Water Authority | 3,090,000 |
| Yorkshire Water Authority | 207,000 |
| Folkestone and District Water Company | 3,000 |
| Bristol Waterworks Company | 797,000 |
| East Surrey Water Company | 143,000 |
| Eastbourne Waterworks Company | 255,000 |
| Mid Kent Water Company | 10,000 |
| Mid-Sussex Water Company | 251,000 |
| Sunderland and South Shields Water Company | 53,000 |
| Sutton District Water Company | 27,000 |
| Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company | 9,000 |
| York Waterworks Company | 15,000 |
| Total, equalisation payments | 9,832,000 |

19th December 1979.

Michael R. D. Heseltine,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

27th December 1979.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which relates to the calendar year 1980—

- (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 14th November 1980 and 16th February 1981.

The order, which relates to England and Wales, is the third order to be made under the Water Charges Equalisation Act 1977. Its terms closely resemble those of the Water Charges Equalisation Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1921), which was made on 20th December 1978, and related to the year 1979.

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