### STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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# The Water and Sewerage Services (Electronic Communications) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021

## Amendment of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

2. After Article 301 of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 insert—

### "Consent to receive notices or other documents by electronic communication

- **301A.**—(1) As an alternative to any methods authorised by section 24(2) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (service of documents), a notice or other document required or authorised to be served under this Order may be served on a person by means of an electronic communication, but only if—
  - (a) the person has stated a willingness to receive the notice or document by means of an electronic communication;
  - (b) the statement has not been withdrawn; and
  - (c) the notice or document was transmitted to an electronic address specified by the person in a statement made for the purposes of this Article.
- (2) A statement made under paragraph (1) may be withdrawn by giving notice to the person to whom the statement was made.
  - (3) For the purposes of this Article—
    - "electronic address" includes any number or address used for the purposes of receiving electronic communications;
    - "electronic communication" has the meaning given by section 4 of the Electronic Communications Act (Northern Ireland) 2001."