

1978 No. 1921

WATER, ENGLAND AND WALES
The Water Charges Equalisation Order 1978*Laid before the House of Commons in draft**Made - - - - 20th December 1978**Coming into Operation 21st December 1978*

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 1978 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 1979

3. In respect of the year 1979, 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 1979

4. In respect of the year 1979, 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.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

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 1979;

15th August 1979;

15th November 1979;

15th February 1980.

Article 3

SCHEDULE 1

EQUALISATION LEVIES TO BE PAID BY CERTAIN STATUTORY WATER UNDERTAKERS TO THE NATIONAL WATER COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1979

Column (1) Statutory water undertaker	Column (2) Equalisation levy
	£
North West Water Authority	817,000
Southern Water Authority	676,000
Severn-Trent Water Authority	1,003,000
Thames Water Authority	2,908,000
Wessex Water Authority	97,000
Yorkshire Water Authority	153,000
Bournemouth and District Water Company	239,000
Cambridge Water Company	96,000
Chester Waterworks Company	22,000
Colne Valley Water Company	44,000
East Anglian Water Company	151,000
Hartlepoons Water Company	85,000
Lee Valley Water Company	478,000
Mid Southern Water Company	5,000
Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company	527,000
North Surrey Water Company	202,000
Portsmouth Water Company	530,000
Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Company	205,000
South Staffordshire Waterworks Company	961,000
West Hampshire Water Company	183,000
Wrexham and East Denbighshire Water Company	23,000
Total, equalisation levies	£9,405,000

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

EQUALISATION PAYMENTS TO BE PAID BY THE NATIONAL WATER COUNCIL TO CERTAIN
STATUTORY WATER UNDERTAKERS FOR THE YEAR 1979

Column (1) Statutory water undertaker	Column (2) Equalisation payment
	£
Anglian Water Authority	2,437,000
Northumbrian Water Authority	468,000
South West Water Authority	1,132,000
Welsh Water Authority	3,272,000
Bristol Waterworks Company	581,000
East Surrey Water Company	134,000
East Worcestershire Waterworks Company	57,000
Eastbourne Waterworks Company	270,000
Essex Water Company	96,000
Folkestone and District Water Company	26,000
Mid Kent Water Company	124,000
Mid-Sussex Water Company	333,000
Sunderland and South Shields Water Company	170,000
Sutton District Water Company	200,000
Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company	53,000
West Kent Water Company	43,000
York Waterworks Company	9,000
Total, equalisation payments	£9,405,000

18th December 1978.

Peter Shore,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

20th December 1978.

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 1979,—

- (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 1979 and 15th February 1980.

The Order, which relates to England and Wales, is the second Order to be made under the Water Charges Equalisation Act 1977. Its terms closely resemble those of the Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977 (S.I. 1977 No. 2165), which was made on 21st December 1977, and related to the year 1978.

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