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WATER SUPPLY (FEES AND CHARGES) REGULATIONS

Order 36 of 1985
Order 5 of 1991

To prescribe deposit and reconnection fees and charges for water supplied to consumers and ships berthing in Port Vila and Luganville.

1. Fees and charges
In respect of the several matters contained in Schedule 1 there shall be paid to the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu the several sums for the fees and charges specified in Schedule 1.

2. Consumer agreement
The supply of water to a consumer's premises shall be provided subject to the consumer's agreement specified in Schedule 2.

SCHEDULE 1

1. Deposit fees payable by consumers living in the areas specified in Part A are specified in Part B.

PART A (Areas)		PART B (Fees)
Port Vila	-	VT 5,000
Luganville	-	VT 5,000
Isangel	-	VT 5,000
Lakatoro/Norsup	-	VT 5,000

2. (i) The quarterly water charges payable by consumers living in Port Vila and Luganville shall be as follows –

In respect of each cubic metre of water consumed the charge shall be VT 52 per cubic metre.

(ii) The quarterly water charges payable by consumers living in Lakatoro, Norsup and Isangel shall be as follows –

In respect of each cubic metre of water consumed the charge shall be VT 46 per cubic metre.

(iii) If a meter is faulty and does not register any consumption and the Director of Public Works or his representative or agent is satisfied that the consumer is consuming water, the water charges shall be calculated based on the average of the last 3 actual consumptions. If this happens during the first reading then the flat rate of VT 1,000 shall be applied. If it happens during the second reading the first quarter figure is used. If it happens during the third reading, then the average of the first and second readings are taken.

3. For water supplied to ships berthing in Port Vila and Luganville the charges shall be as follows–

Port Vila	-	VT 65 per cubic metre
Luganville	-	VT 65 per cubic metre.

4. Reconnection fees payable by consumers living in the areas specified in Part A are specified in Part B.

PART A (Areas)		PART B (Fees)
Port Vila	-	VT 3,000
Luganville	-	VT 3,000
Isangel	-	VT 3,000
Lakatoro/Norsup	-	VT 3,000

SCHEDULE 2

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER SUPPLY

[Consumers Agreement No. _____]

AGREEMENT made the _____ day of _____, 20____ BETWEEN the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu represented by the Director of Public Works or his representative or agent (hereinafter the "Government") of the one part AND _____ of _____(hereinafter "Consumer") of the other part.

WHEREAS the Government agrees to supply water to the Consumer;

AND WHEREAS having read the provisions of the Water Supply Act, Cap. 24 and the Water Supply (Fees and Charges) Regulations, including any amendment thereto the Consumer agrees to pay the fees and charges specified in the said Regulations made pursuant to the said Act subject to the conditions hereinafter set out –

1. The Consumer agrees –
   (a) to pay the Government a deposit fee of VT_____ as an advance on consumption which sum will be refunded when this agreement is terminated;
   (b) to pay for the water charges when the bill is presented by the Government to the consumer and to make payment within the period specified in section 12(2) of the Act;
   (c) to meet the costs of any re-connection after a default by the Consumer;
   (d) to report any defects in the meter to the Government as soon as practicable.
2. (i) The Government has the right to disconnect the water supply to the consumer's premises at any time if the consumer fails to comply with any provision of this agreement and, without prejudice to the rights of the Government, to recover any sum that may then be due for water already consumed.
   (ii) Where the Government disconnects the supply of water to the consumer's premises, the Government shall retain the meter and any re-connection may only be made upon the payment of the appropriate fee.
3. This agreement may be terminated by the consumer by giving 2 weeks notice in writing to the Government.

_____ _____
Director of Public Works or his representative or agent for the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu. Consumer

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