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Ref: NET/W/PR/819

Dear Ronan,

**The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 Article 201 (7)
NI Water Scheme of Charges 2024-2025 – Regulatory Approval**

Further to receipt of NI Water's revised Scheme of Charges proposal for 2024-2025 received on 19 February 2024, we confirm the Utility Regulator approval, under Article 201(7) of NI Water and Sewerage Services Order 2006.

The Utility Regulator approves charges included within price limits (Condition B of the licence and infrastructure charges, Condition C of the licence) and note these have been included in the overall NI Water Scheme of Charges document. A number of other charges, such as connections, are also included within the document. These charges are not subject to approval under the 2006 Order but can be determinable on a case by case basis.

The Utility Regulator also monitors tariffs in accordance with Condition E of the licence to ensure there is no undue discrimination and undue preference in charging. To date, a practical approach has been applied to differentials to avoid large shifts in tariffs or bills and is an area we should continue to discuss during the PC21 period.

The Utility Regulator notes NI Water's decision to increase non-domestic and notional domestic tariffs by the maximum amount allowable under Condition B of the licence, resulting in a weighted average increase to non-domestic tariffs of 4.7%. NI Water has stated it expects that power price rises and other opex pressures will continue to create significant budgetary pressures in 2024-2025, allowing them no option but to fully utilise the price limit allowance in the forthcoming charging year.

Should you have any specific queries in relation to our approval as outlined in this letter or any associated issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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