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Ref: NET/W/EC/1424

Dear Ronan,

**The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 Article 201 (7)  
NI Water Scheme of Charges 2026-27 – Regulatory Approval**

Further to receipt of NI Water's Scheme of Charges proposal for 2026-27 received on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026, we confirm the Utility Regulator's approval, under Article 201(7) of NI Water and Sewerage Services Order 2006 (2006 Order).

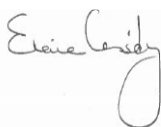
The Utility Regulator approves charges included within price limits as per Condition B of the licence and infrastructure charges, as per Condition C of the NI Water's licence. We note that these have been included in the overall NI Water Scheme of Charges document. A number of other charges such as connections 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.

As you are aware the Utility Regulator also monitors tariffs in accordance with Condition E of NI Water's 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, as per the Mid-Term Review Final Determination, under Condition B of its licence, resulting in a weighted average increase to non-domestic tariffs of 7.9%. NI Water has stated it expects that power price rises will continue to create significant budgetary pressures in 2026-27, 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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