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Primary Wholesale Charges 2023/2024

This statement of significant changes is published in line with the "Wholesale charging rules issued by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sections 66E and 117I of the Water Industry Act 1991" section A2.

We are required, no later than 13 October 2022, to inform stakeholders if we intend to make any significant changes to our Primary charges.

As defined by Ofwat in the Wholesale Charging Rules, Wholesale Charges relate to the charges water and sewerage undertakers can impose on retailers for wholesale water and wastewater services.

We do not intend to make any changes to the wholesale charging structure or methodology for calculating such charges for 2023/2024.

The Board would like to highlight that whilst we have not made any significant changes to methodology or introduced any new tariffs, we have seen an increase in our bill assessment impact of between 6.6% to 8.5%. The increase in our bill impact assessment is linked to the current high forecasts of November CPIH, which is currently at 8.7%, and to impacts on our underlying forecasts of customers and consumption relating to the ongoing economic climate.

We have set our indicative Wholesale Charges using a reasonable expectation of the allowed revenues that we will receive using the information as published within our 2021/2022 Annual Performance Report (APR), which may change following the outcome of Ofwat's in-period determination process.

After taking the considerations noted above, we anticipate that the final Wholesale Charges will differ by more than an indexation variance to the indicative Wholesale Charges. As per the Wholesale Charging guidance we will publish the explanation of movements within the Board Assurance Statement, which will accompany the Final Wholesale Charges.

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