

PROPOSED ELECTRICITY AND WATER TARIFFS COMMENCING 1ST APRIL 2015

Connect Saint Helena is proposing revised tariffs commencing 1st April 2015. Whilst there has been good progress in reducing operating costs, particularly fuel, we still require a sizeable subsidy from SHG to remain solvent putting pressure on Connect to increase charges to the consumer. Many of the occasional charges were revised radically last year and there is no plan to increase these at the present time. We have also reviewed the standing charges for off island customers and propose reducing these charges in line with on island customers. The table below shows the proposed changes.

	CURRENT TARIFF	PROPOSED TARIFF	£	%
ELECTRICITY TARIFF CHARGES				
<u>Quarterly Standing Charges</u>				
Single phase meter	11.50	11.79	29p	2.5%
Single phase meter (unoccupied residential)	24.00	11.79	-£12.21	-50.8%
Three phase meter	34.50	35.36	86p	2.5%
<u>Usage Charges</u>				
Band 1 (first 400units)	0.22	0.23	1p	4.6%
Band 2 (units 4001-1000)	0.38	0.39	1p	2.6%
Band 3 (units over 1000)	0.42	0.43	1p	2.4%
WATER TARIFF CHARGES				
<u>Quarterly Standing Charges</u>				
Domestic	7.00	7.18	18p	2.6%
Unoccupied residential	21.00	7.18	-£13.82	-65.8%
Commercial	21.00	21.53	53p	2.5%
Agricultural	7.00	7.18	18p	2.6%
<u>Domestic Use</u>				
Treated Water first 15 cubic metres	0.90	0.93	3p	3.3%
Treated Water over 15 cubic metres	1.20	1.23	3p	2.5%
Untreated	0.60	0.62	2p	3.3%
<u>Other Use</u>				
Commercial	2.35	2.41	6p	2.5%
Agricultural treated	1.20	1.23	3p	2.5%
Agricultural untreated	0.60	0.62	2p	3.5%
DRAINAGE TARIFF CHARGES				
Domestic Standing	11.50	11.79	29p	2.5%
Commercial Standing	18.15	18.61	46p	2.5%





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ELECTRICITY OTHER CHARGES				
Disconnection	£35.00	£35.00	0	0
Reconnection (1 month)	£35.00	£35.00	0	0
Reconnection (1 – 6 months)	£80.00	£80.00	0	0
Reconnection (6 – 12 months)	£130.00	£130.00	0	0
Reconnection (annual, pro-rata, £500 cap)	£100.00	£100.00	0	0
WATER OTHER CHARGES				
Connection	£30.00	£30.00	0	0
Disconnection	£30.00	£30.00	0	0
Reconnection (1 month)	£30.00	£30.00	0	0
Reconnection (1 – 6 months)	£72.00	£72.00	0	0
Reconnection (6 – 12 months)	£114.00	£114.00	0	0
Reconnection (annual, pro-rata, £420 cap)	£84.00	£84.00	0	0
DRAINAGE OTHER CHARGES				
Empty private septic tank (domestic)	£60.00	£60.00	0	0
Empty private septic tank (commercial)	£100.00	£100.00	0	0
Unblock private sewer line (domestic)	£60.00	£60.00	0	0
Unblock private sewer line (commercial)	£100.00	£100.00	0	0

From the 1st April 2015 we propose charging interest at a rate of 0.75% per month (or part of) for overdue balances.

Any comments you might have regarding the proposed tariffs can be forwarded to:

The Utilities Regulatory Authority, The Castle, Jamestown marked for the attention of Yvonne Williams or by email to: judicial.manager@sainthelena.gov.sh

All comments must be received by noon on Friday 6th March 2015