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Statement of significant changes –

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Overview

The purpose of this statement is to provide our stakeholders with information on any changes to our tariff structures for 2021/22 in respect of charges set out in our charges schemes (being our “household charges scheme” and our “infrastructure charges and miscellaneous services charges scheme”).

This information is provided in accordance with the charges scheme rules issued by Ofwat.

We will publish our “household charges scheme” and “infrastructure charges and miscellaneous services charges scheme” at the beginning of February 2021.

No changes

We have made no significant changes to the structure of our tariffs for the 2021/22 charging period that will be set out in our “household charges scheme”. We confirm that we do not expect there to be any household bill increases of more than 5% from the previous year for a given customer type assuming a constant level of consumption. Two new bands were added to our existing household assessed charges bands in respect of properties with five bedrooms and with six or more bedrooms. An additional category of assessed charge was also created in relation to “other dwellings” such as static caravans, mobile homes, houseboats and similar residences which are not individually metered. However, this did not alter the nature or method of calculation of our assessed charges which are unchanged.

We have made no significant changes this year to the structure of our infrastructure charges (and other charges) set out in our “infrastructure charges and miscellaneous services charges scheme” for 2021/2, after implementing last year the change in the charges scheme rules requiring us to apply the income offset to infrastructure charges rather than to requisition charges. This year, relevant costs relating to our zonal strategy were included in the calculation of our infrastructure charge reflecting the requirements of our latest price determination. However, this did not alter the nature or method of calculation of our infrastructure charge. The income offset was increased to compensate the impact of including these additional costs and broadly maintain the balance of charges as required under the relevant charging rules. Further explanations will be set out in our “infrastructure charges and miscellaneous services charges scheme” and the related board assurance statement(s).

Stakeholder engagement

Despite no significant changes to our tariff structure for the 2021/22 charging period we continue to welcome feedback and comments from customers, market participants on the new connection market and other stakeholders with regard to the structure and content of our tariffs to inform our future strategy.

Please send your observations or queries in relation to this proposal to:
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