

Glossary

1989 Act	The Water Act 1989.
1991 Act	The Water Industry Act 1991.
1992 Act	The Competition and Service (Utilities) Act 1992.
Appointment	The instrument by which the Secretary of State appoints a person under the 1989 or 1991 Act to be the water or sewerage undertaker for the area of supply described in that instrument.
BWD	EC Bathing Waters Directive.
CCA	Current cost accounting.
CSC	Customer Service Committee. A committee appointed by the DGWS under section 28 of the 1991 Act in respect of one or more water or sewerage undertakers and having the duties set out in section 29 of that Act in respect of the customers and potential customers of those undertakers.
DGWS	Director General of Water Services.
DoE	Department of the Environment.
DWI	Drinking Water Inspectorate. A body of persons appointed under section 86 of the 1991 Act to act as technical assessors in relation to the functions of the Secretary of State in respect of drinking water quality. It forms part of the DoE .
ECMR	EC Merger Regulation.
Hartlepool	Hartlepool Water PLC.
HCA	Historic cost accounting.
Inset appointment	Appointment appointing a water or sewerage undertaker in respect of an area previously forming part of the area of supply of another undertaker.
K	The amount by which the weighted average charges for the supply of water or sewerage services are allowed to increase or decrease relative to the RPI , as determined by or under Condition B of the Appointment . K can be positive, zero or negative.
K1	The first five-year period of price regulation (1990/91 to 1994/95).
K2	The second five-year period of price regulation (1995/96 to 1999/2000).
K3	The third five-year period of price regulation (2000/01 to 2004/05).
Lyonnaise	Lyonnaise des Eaux SA.
MEA	Modern Equivalent Asset.
NERA	National Economic Research Associates.

NEW	North East Water plc.
NRA	National Rivers Authority. A body formed under the 1989 Act , whose functions concern, <i>inter alia</i> , water resources, water pollution and flood defence.
Northumbrian Water Group	Northumbrian Water Group PLC.
Northumbrian	Northumbrian Water Limited, the principal subsidiary company of the Northumbrian Water Group which carries out the regulated water and sewerage services.
NWA	Northumbrian Water Authority.
OFWAT	Office of Water Services.
ONCC	OFWAT National Customer Council. A body consisting of the DGWS and the Chairmen of the CSCs .
Periodic Review	The review of K by the DGWS at five- or ten-yearly intervals, as provided for by Condition B of the Appointment .
Regulated business	Those water or sewerage activities which are the subject of an Appointment by the DGWS .
RPI	Retail price index.
Sewerage undertaker	A company appointed under the 1989 or 1991 Act to provide sewerage services in England or Wales.
Stock Exchange	International Stock Exchange, London.
SWC	Statutory water company. A company incorporated under an Act of Parliament relating specifically to that company.
'Three Valleys' report	The MMC report on the merger between General Utilities PLC, The Colne Valley Water Company and Rickmansworth Water Company (Cm 1029, April 1993).
UWWTD	EC Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (91/2H/EEC).
WA	Water authority. Ten WAs were set up under the Water Act 1973 ; their functions included the provision of water and sewerage services, sewage treatment and disposal, pollution control and land drainage.
WaSC	Water and sewerage company. A company which is both a water undertaker and a sewerage undertaker .
Water undertaker	A company appointed under the 1989 or 1991 Act to provide water services in England and Wales.
WCA	Water Companies Association. The body which represents 20 of the 21 WoCs .
WoC	A company appointed to provide water services but not sewerage services.
WSA	Water Services Association. The body which represents the ten WaSCs .