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[Legal Notice No. 41]

**THE MAGISTRATES COURT ACT  
(Cap. 20)**

**WARRANT EMPOWERING A MAGISTRATE TO HOLD  
PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT**

**UNDER** Section 118 of the Constitution the Judicial and Legal Service Commission has appointed **JUDITH MARY FLEMING** to be a Principal Magistrate.

**NOW THEREFORE** under section 7 of the Magistrates Courts Act, I, **SIR ALBERT R PALMER CBE** give power under my hand and the seal of the High Court of Solomon Islands to **JUDITH MARY FLEMING** from 14th May 2012 to hold a Principal Magistrates' Court and to exercise all the powers and jurisdiction given by the Magistrates' Courts Act or any other Act to a Principal Magistrate.

Dated at Honiara this fourteenth day of May, 2012.

**SIR ALBERT R PALMER CBE**

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[Legal Notice No. 42]

**THE SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE ORDER 1978**  
(LN No. 43 of 1978)

**APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATE**

**IN** exercise of the powers under section 118 of the Constitution the Judicial and Legal Service Commission hereby appoints

**JUDITH MARY FLEMING**

to be a Principal Magistrate from the 14th day of May 2012

Dated at Honiara this fourteenth day of May, 2012.

SIR ALBERT PALMER, CBE  
Chairman  
Judicial and Legal Service Commission

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[Legal Notice No. 43]

**SOLOMON ISLANDS WATER AUTHORITY ACT  
(Cap. 130)**

**WATER TARIFF (AUTOMATIC BASE TARIFF AND ELECTRICITY  
PRICE ADJUSTMENTS) REGULATIONS 2012**

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 24(1) of the *Solomon Islands Water Authority Act*, upon the recommendation of the Authority, and as read with section 26 of the *State Owned Enterprises Act 2007 (No. 7 of 2007)*, I make these Regulations –

Citation                    1.        These regulations may be cited as the Water Tariff (Automatic Base Tariff and Electricity Price Adjustments) Regulations 2012.

Interpretation            2.        In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

                                  “the Act” means the Solomon Islands Water Authority Act (Cap. 13);

                                  “Base Tariff” for a customer category means the Base Tariff for that customer category as calculated in accordance with Schedule 1;

                                  “Central Bank of the Solomon Islands” means the Central Bank established under the *Central Bank of Solomon Islands Act (Cap. 49)*;

                                  “electricity” means electricity used for the purpose of providing water supply and wastewater treatment;

                                  “Electricity Price Adjustment” means the Electricity Price Surcharge as calculated in accordance with Schedule 2;

                                  “Honiara Retail Price Index for all items” means the index of changes in the retail price index for Honiara compiled by the Statistician of the Solomon Islands Government and published quarterly by the Central Bank of Solomon Islands.

- Application 3. These Regulations shall apply throughout Solomon Islands.
- Base Tariff 4. The Base Tariff for each customer category shall be calculated in the manner specified under Schedule 1.
- Electricity Price Adjustment 5. The Electricity Price Adjustment shall be calculated in the manner specified under Schedule 2.

MADE BY THE ACCOUNTABLE MINISTERS AT HONIARA  
this thirtieth day of May, 2012.

HON. MOSES GARU  
Minister for Mines, Energy  
& Rural Electrification

HON. RICK HOUENIPWELA  
Minister for Finance and Treasury

**SCHEDULE 1**  
*(regulation 4)*

1. The Base Tariff for the purposes of calculation shall be the tariff set at 1st June 2012 ("base period") subject to the following adjustments:
- a) As at 1 October 2012 and 1 October in each year thereafter, the Base Tariff for each customer category shall be calculated as follows ("CPI Adjustment"):

$$BT_t = (CPI_{t-1}/CPI_{t-2}) \times BT_{t-1}$$

*where:*

$BT_t$  = Base Water Tariff for each tariff block at 1 October in the current year expressed in \$ per kilolitre;

$CPI_{t-1}$  = Honiara Consumer Price Index for All Items as of 30 September of the current year;

CPI<sub>1-2</sub> = Honiara Consumer Price Index for All Items as of 30 September of the immediately preceding year;

BT<sub>1-1</sub> = Base Water Tariff for each tariff block at 30 September in the current year expressed in \$ per kilolitre;

- b) On 1 January 2013 the Base Tariff shall be set by increasing the Base Tariff at the time for all consumer categories by 27% (“Special Increase No 1”);
  - c) On 1 January 2014 the Base Tariff shall be set by increasing the Base Tariff at the time for all consumer categories by 13% (“Special Increase No 2”);
  - d) On 1 June 2017 and on 1 June of every five year period thereafter (hereinafter adjusted to become the new “base period”), the Base Tariff for each customer Category shall be adjusted by adding the Electricity Price Adjustment that applies on 1 April of that year to the Base Tariff at the time for the customer category.
2. The Base Tariff for a customer category that applies from time to time may be shown as a separate item on all bills issued to consumers who come within that customer category.

SCHEDULE 2  
(regulation 5)

1. For the purpose of this schedule:

“base period” is initially set at 1 June 2012 and adjusted pursuant to Schedule 1 (d) every 5 years;

“quarter” means a period of 3 months within a year ending on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September or 31 December;

“electricity price per kwh” in respect of a quarter means the price for electricity per kilowatt hour, including the Fuel Tariff, as calculated by the Authority for that quarter;

2. As at 1 October 2012 and at the beginning of each quarter thereafter, the Electricity Price Adjustment for each customer category shall be calculated as follows:

$$EPS_n = (ET_n - ET_b) \times ECR_n$$

where:

$EPS_n$  = Electricity Price Surcharge for the current quarter, expressed in \$ per kilolitre;

$ET_n$  = Electricity Price per kwh for electricity purchases by SIWA in Quarter the current quarter, expressed in \$ per kilowatt hour;

$ET_b$  = Electricity Price per kwh for electricity purchases by SIWA in the Base Period, expressed in \$ per kilowatt hour;

$ECR_n$  = SIWA electricity consumption requirement in Quarter n, expressed in kWh of electricity consumed per kilolitre of water sold

3. The Electricity Price Adjustment that applies from time to time may be shown as a separate item on all consumers' bills.
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[Legal Notice No. 45]

**SOLOMON ISLANDS WATER AUTHORITY ACT  
(Cap. 130)**

**Water Tariff: Proposed Tariff increases from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012**

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 24(1) of the Solomon Islands Water Authority Act, upon the recommendation of the Authority and as read with section 26 of the State Owned Enterprises Act 2007 (No.7 of 2007), I fix the following for the purposes of the Act –

CONSUMER CATEGORY	TYPE OF CONSUMER	CONSUMPTION (kl)	1/6/12 Proposed Tariff	
			WATER (\$/kl)	WATER & WASTEWATER (\$/kl)
1	Domestic - See Note 1	0 to 15 kl pm	\$3.54	\$5.31
		15 to 30 kl pm	\$5.31	\$7.96
		greater than 30 kl pm	\$6.19	\$9.29

**NOTE 1:**

Consumer Category I:- Consumers under this category are related generally to Domestic customers in residential areas/zones, consuming relatively small amount of water as compared to those under Category II.

CONSUMER CATEGORY	TYPE OF CONSUMER	MONTHLY CONSUMER (kl)	1/6/12 Proposed Tariff	
			WATER (\$/kl)	WATER & WASTEWATER (\$/kl)
Cat II	Commercial - see note 2	0 to 30 kl pm	\$14.15	\$21.23
		30 to 60 kl pm	\$15.92	\$23.88
		greater than 60 kl pm	\$17.69	\$26.53

**NOTE 2:**

Consumer Category II:- Consumers under this category are related to:-

- (a) Government Organizations/Institutions and Agencies;
- (b) Regional Organizations/Health Facilities/Hospitals and clinics;
- (c) Commercial and Industrial/Facilities in Commercial or Industrial areas/zones;
- (d) Educational Institutions (Schools, Colleges, Universities, Training/Vocational Institutions);
- (e) Religious Institutions/Churches / Non-Government Organisations
- (f) Other entities that may use relatively high amount of water as compared to the maximum consumption normally expected for consumers under Category 1.

**Other Charges**

<b>1.</b>	<b>UNMETERED BASIC MONTHLY CHARGE (including standing charge)</b>		
	Consumer category I	\$	175.06
		\$	247.59
	Consumer category II	\$	709.26
		\$	1,048.89
<b>2.</b>	<b>MONTHLY SERVICE STANDING CHARGE:-</b>		
	Consumer category I	\$	30.00
	Consumer category II	\$	30.00
<b>3.</b>	<b>SERVICE INSTALLATION SURVEY AND INSPECTION FEE:-</b>		
	Consumer category I	\$	80.00
	Consumer category II	\$	80.00
<b>4.</b>	<b>WATER SERVICE INSTALLATION FEE (in addition to Survey and Inspection Fee)</b>		
	Consumer category I	\$	1,500.00
			Excavation charged at cost extra if required
	Consumer category II		Fixed based on detailed assessment
		\$	2,000.00
			Excavation charged at cost extra if required

<b>5.</b>	<b>WASTEWATER SERVICE INSTALLATION FEE (in addition to Survey and Inspection Fee)</b>	
	Consumer category I	\$ 6,640.00
		\$ 4,560.00
	Consumer category II	Fixed based on detailed assessment
<b>6.</b>	<b>SERVICE DISCONNECTION FEE:-</b>	
	Consumer category I	\$ 150.00
	Consumer category II	\$ 180.00
<b>7.</b>	<b>SERVICE RECONNECTION FEE:-</b>	
	Consumer category I	\$ 155.00
	Consumer category II	\$ 220.00
<b>8.</b>	<b>WATER METER TESTING FEE:-</b>	
	Consumer category I	\$ 135.00
	Consumer category II	\$ 200.00
<b>9.</b>	<b>PLUMBING AND INVESTIGATION FEE:-</b>	
	Consumer category I	\$ 130.00
	Consumer category II	\$ 200.00
<b>10.</b>	<b>SERVICE CONNECTION DEPOSIT:-</b>	
	Consumer category I	\$ 600.00
	Consumer category II	\$ 2,500.00

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| <b>11.</b> | <b>INTEREST ON OVERDUE ACCOUNT:-</b>               |                                    |
|            | Consumer category I                                | 18% per annum                      |
|            | Consumer category II                               | 30% per annum                      |
| <b>12.</b> | <b>DISHONOURED CHEQUE:-</b>                        |                                    |
|            | Consumer category I                                | 2 x Appropriate Bank Charge        |
|            | Consumer category II                               | 2 x Appropriate Bank Charge        |
| <b>13.</b> | <b>CANCELLATION FEE:-</b>                          |                                    |
|            | Consumer category I                                | \$35.00                            |
|            | Consumer category II                               | \$35.00                            |
| <b>14.</b> | <b>SERVICE AMPLIFICATION CHARGE:-</b>              |                                    |
|            | Consumer category I                                | Fixed based on detailed assessment |
|            | Consumer category II                               | Fixed based on detailed assessment |
| <b>15.</b> | <b>WATER AND SEWER MAIN<br/>EXTENSION CHARGE:-</b> |                                    |
|            | Consumer category I                                | Fixed based on detailed assessment |
|            | Consumer category II                               | Fixed based on detailed assessment |

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