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Water Industry Act 1994

ORDER VARYING THE MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN RETAIL WATER SERVICES PRICING ORDER 1997

The Administrator with the advice of the Executive Council makes the following Order:

1. Objective

The objective of this Order is to amend the 'Melbourne Metropolitan Retail Water Services Pricing Order' made by the Governor in Council on 16 December 1997 and published in the Victoria Government Gazette No G50, 18 December 1997.

2. Commencement

This Order comes into operation on the day it is made.

3. Authorising provision

This Order is made under section 21A of the **Water Industry Act 1994**.

4. Amendment of Clause 9

Clause 9 of the Melbourne Metropolitan Retail Water Services Pricing Order is amended –

- (1) In paragraph (b) of sub-clause (1) for "1 January 1997" **substitute** "1 January 1998".
- (2) In sub-clause (2) for "In this clause" **substitute** "Subject to sub-clause (3), in this clause".
- (3) After sub-clause (2) **insert** –
 "(3) "The Program" does not include the provision of sewerage services as part of a shared cost scheme approved by the Premier and the Minister".

Dated 14 November 2000

Responsible Minister:
SHERRYL GARBUTT
Minister for Environment
and Conservation

HELEN DOYE
Clerk of the Executive Council

Office of the Regulator-General Act 1994

NOTICE OF PRICE DETERMINATION

The Office has made a Price Determination pursuant to section 25 of **Office of the Regulator-General Act 1994**, which can be summarised as follows:

In its Gazette notice of 3 July 2000, the Office issued a Price Determination incorporating Grain Handling Pricing Principles. That Price Determination required that the provider of prescribed services (currently the merged Vicgrain/GrainCorp entity (GrainCorp)) must comply with the Grain Handling Pricing Principles in relation to the prices for receipt and outloading related services for export grain at the Port of Geelong and the Port of Portland (prescribed services).

The Office has issued an Amended Price Determination which includes an amendment to principle 4 and the addition of 3 principles to the Grain Handling Pricing Principles. The Amended Price Determination requires that GrainCorp must comply with the Amended Grain Handling Pricing Principles in relation to the prices for prescribed services.

The Price Determination has been amended to provide that:

1. GrainCorp must submit its proposed schedule of prescribed prices to the Office for assessment by the Office of compliance with the Grain Handling Pricing Principles prior to the schedule's publication. (new principle 8).

2. Unless GrainCorp has received written confirmation from the Office that it is satisfied that the provider has complied with the Amended Grain Handling Pricing Principles, the provider can not charge more for those services than the prices in the Default Handling Charge Schedule. (new principle 9).

The Amended Price Determination includes a Default Handling Charge Schedule.

In addition, two further amendments to clarify the operation of the Grain Handling Pricing Principles have been made as follows:

3. Principle 4 was amended to make clear that the differences in published prices for just-in-time and ex farm deliveries from the price for receipt of grain ex Vicgrain country facility, must be only attributable to verifiable differences in costs of that mode of receipt.
4. New principle 10 provides that the expression 'verifiable' used in the Amended Grain Handling Pricing Principles, means verifiable by the Office.

The Determination will take effect from the date of this gazette notice.

The purpose and reasons for the Office making the Price Determination are given in the Grain Handling Charges, Amended Pricing Determination (incorporating the Amended Grain Handling Pricing Principles and the Default Handling Charge Schedule) published by the Office on 10 November 2000. Copies of that report may be obtained from the Office's web site <http://www.reggen.vic.gov.au/grain> or from Val Smith telephone (03) 9651 3931.

Dated 14 November 2000

JOHN C TAMBLYN
Regulator-General

SCHEDULE 1:

DEFAULT HANDLING CHARGE SCHEDULE

The Default Handling Charge Schedule applies with respect to prescribed services on the same basis as the Vicgrain Handling Charge Schedule – Shipping Terminals Season 2000/2001 dated 24 July 2000.

1. MAJOR CHARGES – Shipping Terminals

CHARGE COMPONENT	WHEAT	BARLEY	LEGUMES	OILSEEDS	OTHER
(1) Ex-Farm Receipt Fee, Shipping Terminals (per tonne received)					
Major Grades	\$5.12	\$7.40	\$7.40	7.97	\$N/A
Minor Grades	\$7.40	\$7.40	\$7.40	7.97	\$7.40
(2) Just-in-Time Receipt Fee, Shipping Terminals (per tonne received)					
Rail	\$2.16	\$2.39	\$2.70	\$3.51	\$3.51
Road	\$2.70	\$3.02	\$3.38	\$4.37	\$4.37
(3) Ex-Vicgrain Country Facility, Receipt Fee (per tonne received)					
Rail	\$1.62	\$1.62	\$1.62	\$1.62	\$1.62
Road	\$2.16	\$2.16	\$2.16	\$2.16	\$2.16
(4) Shipping Terminal Outloading Fee (per tonne outloaded)					
	\$5.67	\$7.65	\$6.21	\$8.91	\$8.91
(5) Geelong Wharf Facility Hire Charge (per tonne shipped)					
	\$0.24	\$0.24	\$0.24	\$0.24	\$0.24

NOTES: (a) All prices are GST inclusive

2. DISCRETIONARY CHARGES – Shipping Terminals

- (1) Slow Vessel Loading Surcharge

For vessels loading at less than 650 tonnes per hour (net) \$1.35 per tonne loaded.

(2) Redelivery Fee

\$6.75 per tonne.

NOTES: (a) All prices are GST inclusive.

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