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PART A — SUBMISSION

A.1. GENERAL DETAILS

A.1.a. TITLE

Charging at Vacant Premises

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Annex 1 CSD0207 Mark Up
Annex 2 CSD0205 Mark Up
Annex3 Indicative User Requirements

A.2. MCCP / OCCP DETAILS

A.2.a. ISSUE OR DEFECT WHICH THIS MCCP / OCCP SEEKS TO ADDRESS

Following a consultation in 2015, the Scottish Government has confirmed that water and sewerage charges are to be applied at vacant non-household premises from April 2017. This change of policy will be reflected in the 2017/18 Wholesale Charges Scheme and corresponding changes will be required to the settlement calculations in CSDs and in the Central Systems.

The following new charging rules should apply to all settlement runs relating to an invoice period after 1 April 2017.

1. Non-volumetric charges

The following non-volumetric charges will apply when a Supply Point is vacant:

Meter based fixed charges for Water (metered, RV-based and reassessed)
Meter based fixed charges for Foul Sewerage (metered, RV-based and reassessed)
Property Drainage charges
Roads Drainage charges
Miscellaneous charges (for Outside Taps, Field Troughs and Drinking Bowls)
Trade Effluent Availability charges

2. Volumetric charges for Water and Foul Sewerage, Trade Effluent Operating (i.e. volumetric) charges [at Metered Supply Points](#)

As at present, when a Supply Point is Vacant in the Central Systems, daily consumption will continue to be assumed to be zero unless meter reads show that consumption has occurred i.e. where two meter readings during a continuous period of vacancy indicate that the meter has moved forwards.

Where two meter readings during a continuous period of vacancy indicate that consumption has occurred, and volumetric charges will not apply and -volumetric thresholds (i.e. the Allocated Tranche of 20m3 per meter per year, the Capacity Threshold and the thresholds for different volumetric charge rates) will continue to accrue during occupied days only this period between the two meter readings, as at present. In all other periods of vacancy, daily consumption will be assumed to

be zero so no volumetric charges will apply and volumetric thresholds will not accrue.

The only exception to this will be where two meter readings during a continuous period of vacancy indicate that consumption has occurred. In this instance volumetric charges will apply and volumetric thresholds will accrue during this period between the two meter readings.

3. Rateable Value based volumetric and reassessed volumetric charges for Water and Foul Sewerage at Unmetered Supply Points

As at present, Rateable Value based volumetric and reassessed volumetric charges for Water and Foul Sewerage will not continue to apply as now; i.e. no volume is attributed to periods when a Supply Point is vacant (i.e. no volume will be attributed to such periods).

The table below provides an overview of the changes.

Charge Element	Treatment During Vacancy		Approach to changing settlement calculations in CSD
	Current	From April 2017	
Water and Foul Sewerage Volumetric (Metered)	No charge	Chargeable only where consumption is shown to have occurred during a vacant period (i.e. two meter readings showing a positive advance within a continuous period of vacancy). Otherwise no charge	Retain the basic (1 – VAC) parameter for volume on a day etc., but set VAC to 0 for a day with ‘Vacant Consumption’, as defined. This retains the basic definition of a day being vacant, but allows volumetric charges to apply. This also results in free allocations and band threshold accruing for ‘Vacant Consumption’ days, but not for vacant days without any actual consumption.
Water and Foul Sewerage Volumetric (RV-based Unmeasured/ Reassessed)	No charge	No charge <u>Consumption is assumed to be zero</u>	‘Vacant <u>Consumption</u> ’ can only apply for a Meter Advance Period; i.e. when meter reads apply. Hence, current arrangements will still apply; i.e. (1 – VAC) applies.
Water and Foul Sewerage Non-Volumetric (Metered)	No charge	Chargeable	Remove (1 – VAC) from the calculation.
Water and Foul Sewerage Non-Volumetric (RV-based Unmeasured / Reassessed)	No charge	Chargeable	Remove (1 – VAC) from the calculation.
Water Miscellaneous (Taps/Troughs and Bowls)	No charge	Chargeable.	Remove (1 – VAC) from the calculation.
Roads Drainage Charges	No charge	Chargeable	Remove (1 – VAC) from the calculation.

Property Drainage Charges	No charge	Chargeable	Remove (1 – VAC) from the calculation.
Trade Effluent Availability Charges	No charge	Chargeable	Remove (1 – VAC) from the calculation.
Trade Effluent Operating Charges	No charge	Chargeable only where consumption is shown to have occurred during a vacant period (i.e. two meter readings showing a positive advance within a continuous period of vacancy). Otherwise no charge.	Retain the basic (1 – VAC) parameter for volume on a day etc., but set VAC to 0 for a day with ‘Vacant Consumption’, as defined. This retains the basic definition of a day being vacant, but allows volumetric charges to apply. This also results in free allocations and band threshold accruing for ‘Vacant Consumption’ days, but not for vacant days without any actual consumption.
Trade Effluent Minimum Charge	No charge	Chargeable	Remove (1 – VAC) from the calculation.

A.2.b. DRAFT LEGAL TEXT
 Required under Market Code Parts 8.7.1 (ii) (d) and 8.8.1 (ii) (d)

Market Code changes: The following definition should be added:
 Vacant Consumption – Is as defined in CSD0207.
 CSD0207 Changes: See Annex 1.
 CSD0205 Changes: See Annex 2.
 CSD0201 Changes:
 The Disaggregated Reports for Water and Sewer Charges and also for Trade Effluent Charges should each have the following item added, immediately below the Vacancy Indicator;
 Vacant Consumption Indicator – Set to Y for periods when Vacant Consumption, otherwise left blank.

A.3. IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

A.3.a. TP ACTION REQUIRED

A.3.b. REQUIRED IMPLEMENTATION DATE

March 2017

A.3.c. ANY LIMITATIONS OR DEPENDENCIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation must be such that only Invoice Periods on or after 2017-04-01 are subject to these changes, excluding the April 2017 P1 settlement run (which will be run in early March and will, therefore, pre-date the earliest practical delivery date for the change.

A.4. ANY OTHER COMMENTS

PART B — IMPLEMENTATION

B.1. IMPLEMENTATION DATE

Proposed March 2017

B.2. IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

(MC version, CSD versions, CMA Central Systems release number, etc.)