



Albion Water Ltd – Board Assurance Statement Wholesale Charges Scheme 2026–27

Date: January 2026

Purpose

This statement is issued by the Board of Albion Water Ltd to provide assurance to Ofwat, retailers, and other stakeholders that the wholesale charges published for 2026–27 are transparent, cost-reflective, and fully compliant with applicable regulatory requirements.

1. Board Assurance

The Board of Albion Water Ltd confirms that, to the best of its knowledge and belief:

1. Compliance with Regulatory Requirements:

- The wholesale charges scheme for 2026–27 has been prepared in accordance with the Water Industry Act 1991, Ofwat guidance for new appointees, and other relevant UK legislation.
- Charges are consistent with the NAV licensing conditions and reflect the costs of providing services to customers in the designated supply areas.

2. Cost Reflectivity:

Analysis of our own costs on a site basis against income from the small number of NHH customers we service would, to ensure a proportionate margin, result in charges higher than the relevant incumbents who service a much higher number of NHH customers from a much wider fixed cost base. However, to ensure compliance with the NAV charging rules, our charges therefore mirror those of the incumbent to maintain the principal of customers not being worse off.

- The Board has confirmed that the scheme reflects the long-run efficient costs of providing wholesale water and sewerage services and does not result in over- or under-recovery.

3. Transparency and Completeness:

- The charges document is fully self-contained, including all fixed, volumetric, trade effluent, and non-primary service charges.
- The Board has ensured that all charges are clearly stated and accessible for retailers and customers, without reference to external schedules.

4. Review and Governance:

- The Board has overseen the preparation of the wholesale charges scheme, including verification of all tariff values and methodology.
- Appropriate internal governance procedures, including finance, regulatory, and operational review, have been applied prior to publication.

2. Board Statement

The Board of Albion Water Ltd hereby confirms its approval of the Wholesale Charges Scheme 2026–27 and its publication alongside this Board Assurance Statement. The Board is satisfied that:

(a) the company complies with its legal obligations relating to the Wholesale Charges it has published;

(b) the Board has assessed the effects of the new charges on water supply and sewerage licensees (as a whole or in groups) who are retailing wholesale services and on customers occupying Eligible Premises (as a whole or in groups) and approves the impact assessments and handling strategies developed in instances where bill increases for licensees (as a whole or in groups) who are retailing wholesale services and on customers occupying Eligible Premises (as a whole or in groups) exceed 5%;

(c) the company has appropriate systems and processes in place (including up-to-date models and data) to make sure that the information published about its Wholesale Charges is accurate;

(d) the company has consulted with relevant stakeholders in a timely and effective manner on its Wholesale Charges; and

(e) where final Wholesale Charges are significantly different from the indicative Wholesale Charges published for the same period, the Board has considered the reasons why those changes occurred and has issued a statement explaining why those changes were not anticipated and/or mitigated. For these purposes, “indicative Wholesale Charges” means the information referred to in A3 below and charges are “significantly different” if a reasonable person would consider the changes to be material.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Albion Water Ltd:

Adam Shore.

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