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## **DECISION**

1. The Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has approved amendments to the Shire of Ravensthorpe's (**Shire**) Customer Service Charter (**Charter**) for sewerage services and non-potable water supply.

## **REASONS**

- 2. On 23 January 2013, the Shire submitted amendments to its Charter for the Authority's approval. The amendments consist of minor changes to the emergency assistance, disconnection, complaints and rectifying defective work sections.
- 3. The Water Customer Service Charter Guidelines (2011) (**Guidelines**) provide that a licensee should generally make any amendments to its charter available for public consultation. However, public consultation may not be required for minor amendments (e.g. correction of typographical errors; changes to contact details; amendments to reflect changes to the regulatory framework, etc).
- 4. The Authority has reviewed the proposed amendments and considers them to be minor. Therefore, the Authority has not requested the Shire to undertake public consultation regarding the proposed amendments.
- 5. The Authority is satisfied that the amended Charter meets the requirements of the Shire's Operating Licence and the Guidelines.