

Water Utility	<p>TASHKENT STATE UNITARY ENTERPRISE (Suvsoz)</p> <p>Address : #2 Chekhova Street, Tashkent 700060, Uzbekistan Telephone : (998-71) 152 1955 Fax : (998-71) 152 1938 E-mail : none Head : Rauf Kurbanov, Director</p> <p>The Tashkent State Unitary Enterprise (Suvsoz) is a government enterprise established in 1931. It is responsible for water supply and sanitation services for the city's population of 2,130,600 through its city water and sewerage departments. These departments have corresponding independent district departments in each of the city's 11 districts. In 2001, Suvsoz established departments for installation and repair of water meters.</p>																							
General Data About Water Utility	<p>Connections : 567,398 Staff : 3,156 Annual O&M Costs : US\$3,874,930 Annual Revenue : US\$8,274,520 Annual Capital Expenditure : US\$1,577,710 Source of Investment Funds : 36% tariff; 14% central government grant; 50% others</p>																							
Water Resources Management	<p>Tashkent's water supply is from surface water in the Bozsu Canal and groundwater from the Chatkai-Kuramin watershed. Water from these sources is considered satisfactory. Priority for use of both surface water and groundwater is given to domestic consumption. Rights for surface water use are regulated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources; groundwater rights are regulated by the Ministry of Geology. Water conservation by recycling is encouraged among city enterprises. The present production capacity is more than adequate for the present and near future demand, although some facilities need rehabilitation.</p>																							
Tariff Structure	<table border="1" data-bbox="331 1010 1146 1325"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Category</th> <th colspan="2">Rate</th> </tr> <tr> <th>(SUM/m³)</th> <th>(US\$/m³)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Water Supply</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Domestic</td> <td>16.00</td> <td>0.023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Enterprises (Bulk Consumers)</td> <td>39.66</td> <td>0.058</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sewerage Services</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Domestic</td> <td>8.00</td> <td>0.012</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Enterprises (Bulk Consumers)</td> <td>14.07</td> <td>0.020</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>Notes:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only about 8.3% of connections are metered and working. Almost all domestic consumers pay a flat rate based on established per capita consumption. Consumers are billed monthly and pay at banks in cash. Bulk consumers pay by deposit to a Suvsoz bank account. 2. The connection fee is SUM21,950 (US\$32). 3. The sewerage charge is 50% of the water bill for domestic consumers. 	Category	Rate		(SUM/m ³)	(US\$/m ³)	Water Supply			Domestic	16.00	0.023	Enterprises (Bulk Consumers)	39.66	0.058	Sewerage Services			Domestic	8.00	0.012	Enterprises (Bulk Consumers)	14.07	0.020
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Policy and Regulation	<p>Policies on water supply management are found in the Law on Water and Water Use (adopted by the Republic of Uzbekistan on 6 May 1993) and subsequent decrees of the cabinet ministries and resolutions of the Mayor of Tashkent. Some of these decrees and resolutions are specific to water management and metering in houses and apartments. The Anti-monopoly Committee of the City Administration, an independent body, regulates tariff issues. Reasons for tariff increases are announced and explained through print and broadcast media. The operational and financial performance of Suvsoz is subject to annual review by the City Administration and the City Communal Services Operational Association, but these are not published by the media.</p>																							
Wastewater and Sanitation	<p>The centralized sewerage system covers 85% of the city's population. There are three wastewater treatment stations and facilities with a total capacity of almost 2 million m³/day. Snowmelt and rainwater are drained separately through ditches, canals, and rivers. Some organizations and enterprises not connected to the sewerage system have their own wastewater treatment facilities. Smaller enterprises use cesspits that are desludged by special trucks or sludge collectors.</p>																							