

SECTION 15 | PAYING FOR THE SOLUTION

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Windermere is a unique landscape and ORiW presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deliver environmental improvements for a nationally significant water body. Applying high-level assumptions derived from Ofwat's PR24 final determination, bill impacts are estimated to provide an early-stage view of water bill recovery. The programme could add up to £3.17 per month to North West water bills in 2035.

Given the national significance of Windermere, Government could choose to implement a national charging scheme for water customers to fund infrastructure. Should Government choose to implement such a scheme, the indicative bill impacts for each household in England could be an increase of up to 35 pence per month over the same period. All bill impacts are stated in real terms Q3 2025 prices.

Ulverston option

All England
customers' bill impact

31p

per month (in 2035)

..... **or**

United Utilities
customers' bill impact

£2.85

per month (in 2035)

Leven option

All England
customers' bill impact

35p

per month (in 2035)

..... **or**

United Utilities
customers' bill impact

£3.17

per month (in 2035)

This assumes that costs are funded through water bills. As the project progresses through detailed design, exploration of alternative funding sources will be considered.