

## PRESS RELEASE

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### The town of Poissy has renewed its trust in SUEZ with a 10-year public service contract for the supply of drinking water:

- new services, including remote meter readings
- rounding up of water bills for charity
- collective decarbonation for softer water

This new contract, worth a total of €25.4 million, came into effect on 1 January 2016. One of the new services chosen by the town of Poissy consists of deploying remote meter readings within 18 months. This innovative service guarantees that users pay for what they actually consume and receive alerts in cases of suspected leaks or over-consumption.

The Poissy municipal authorities are also paying special attention to the fight against leaks with:

- the permanent “tapping” of the complete network by installing 150 acoustic leak pre-localisers, or sensors in the network that can detect potential leaks
- the creation of four sectors (each measuring about 25km) in order to improve the monitoring of the hydraulic performance of the network and to react more promptly when serious variations in flow are observed in one of the sectors.

These technologies, which make for greater reactivity in detecting malfunctions in the network, are expected to save almost 70,000 m<sup>3</sup> of water per year.

*“We are proud that the town of Poissy has renewed its faith in us with this contract. Our expertise in connected water networks and remote reading will allow us to meet the expectations of the town’s population”,* declared Bertrand Camus, Chief Executive Officer of SUEZ Water France.

### Easier access to water

The town of Poissy is offering the users of the public water service an opportunity to take part in actions to facilitate access to water by rounding up their water bills to the next higher euro. For its part, SUEZ will contribute €1 per year and per customer of the water service.

The funds collected will be donated to NGOs to finance projects selected by the town council, starting in 2017.

The rounding up system will be set up with the socially responsible company microDON\*.

## Softer water by 2018

In another new initiative, the town of Poissy has committed to the collective decarbonation of its water, so that population can benefit from softer water with a reduced lime content by 1 July 2018. Reducing the hardness of the water will extend the lifespan of household appliances, making estimated savings of €120 per household per year.

## Savings for the local population

Not only did Poissy council want to modernise its public service contract for the supply of drinking water with innovative services like remote meter readings, rounded up water bills, action against leaks and collective decarbonation, but it also wanted to reduce the price of water. Consequently, users will benefit from a 10% drop in the price of their water. The contract also provides for softer water and new services, starting on 1 January 2016. The cost of consuming 120 m<sup>3</sup> per year will drop from €214 including tax in 2015 to €193 including tax in 2016, or a saving of 10% for subscribers.

*\*microDON is an officially recognised socially responsible enterprise. As a pioneer of onboard generosity, it adds opportunities to make donations to everyday transactions, in particular by rounding up bills. microDON does not receive any fees for the donations. 100% of the collected funds are paid to the beneficiary.*

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