

Motion

Public Ownership of Utilities

Conference notes

- a) that Labour's 2021 Conference voted to support public ownership of energy including energy companies
- b) that one of the ten pledges made in 2020 by Keir Starmer when running for the party leadership was common ownership of energy and water
- c) that water companies have paid out £57 billion to shareholders since 1991 and in 2021 alone, water company bosses pocketed £15 million in pay and bonuses
- d) six water companies have been found to be avoiding millions in tax
- e) that the Environmental Agency has called for heads of privatised water companies to face jail terms for breaching the law in serious pollution incidents
- f) that public ownership of water is popular, with 63% of people wanting water in public ownership

Conference therefore resolves that bringing energy and water into public ownership will be a priority for an incoming Labour government.

Ends

145 Words