

## Serial Number 1947/84

**THE ELECTRICITY CONTROL (SOUTH ISLAND) ORDER 1947**

PURSUANT to the Supply Control Emergency Regulations 1939\* and the Electricity Emergency Regulations 1939†, the Electricity Controller doth hereby order and direct as follows:—

## PART I.—PRELIMINARY

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Electricity Control (South Island) Order 1947.

(2) This Order shall come into force on the seventh day following the day on which notification of the making thereof is published in the *Gazette*.

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of subclause (2) of this clause, this Order shall operate only in the South Island of New Zealand.

(2) Nothing in this Order shall apply with respect to the Marlborough Electric-power Board, the Waimea Electric-power Board, the Golden Bay Electric-power Board, or the Nelson City Council, or with respect to the supply of electricity by those Boards or that Council, or with respect to any installation connected to the system of supply of any of those Boards or of that Council.

3. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Heating” includes cooking, baking, and water-heating; but does not include space-heating:

“Hospital” includes any institution, private hospital, or separate institution within the meaning of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act 1926; and also includes any Red Cross, Plunket, or first-aid rooms or other premises used by any organization for the purpose of giving medical or surgical advice or treatment:

“Public supply of electricity” means any system of electric lines for the distribution of electricity which is connected, whether directly or indirectly and whether continuously or not, with any Government system of supply:

“Supply authority” means the licensee in respect of a public supply of electricity:

“Thermal-storage water-heating service” means any water-heating service in which the heated water is stored or remains in a container that has a capacity of more than 3 gallons and is affixed to a building.

\* Statutory Regulations 1939, Serial number 1939/131, page 599.

† Statutory Regulations 1939, Serial number 1939/146, page 664.

## PART II.—LOAD CONTROL

4. (1) Subject to all general or special directions given by the Electricity Controller, each supply authority to whom this Order applies shall forthwith, and at such times hereafter as may be necessary for the purposes of this clause, reduce, by such means as it thinks fit, its weekly unit consumption of electricity to an amount not exceeding the amount of units per week for the time being allocated to it by the Electricity Controller or, in the case of a supply authority which does not receive its bulk supply direct from a Government system of supply, by the supply authority from which it receives its supply of electricity :

Provided that in reducing its consumption as aforesaid the supply authority shall do such things as it deems necessary to ensure that sufficient electricity is supplied for hospitals, for cool stores and freezing-works, for coal-mines, for dairy factories, for railway signals, and for farming purposes (not being electricity for dwellinghouse purposes only).

(2) If any supply authority fails or is unable by any other means to reduce its weekly unit consumption to the extent referred to in subclause (1) of this clause, it shall refuse to supply electrical energy for use in thermal-storage water-heating services to which this subclause applies or shall diminish the amount of electrical energy supplied for that use to such extent as may be necessary (when taken in conjunction with other savings in the use of electrical energy) to reduce the weekly unit consumption to the extent referred to in subclause (1) of this clause.

(3) Subclause (2) of this clause shall apply with respect to every thermal-storage water-heating service except a service installed before the commencement of this Order and used to heat water for—

- (a) Farming or dairy-factory purposes :
- (b) Any industrial or commercial purpose :
- (c) The purposes of any hospital or of the surgery of any medical practitioner, dentist, or veterinary surgeon :
- (d) The purposes of any hotel, boardinghouse, lodginghouse, or apartment-house, or of any restaurant or eating-house.

5. Where for the purpose of complying with subclause (1) of Clause 4 of this Order any supply authority decides to disconnect any thermal-storage water-heating service or services, or where for the purpose of complying with subclause (2) of the said Clause 4 it is necessary for the supply authority to disconnect any such service or services as aforesaid, the following provisions shall apply :—

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Clause 9 hereof, any authorized officer of the supply authority may enter upon any premises for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is installed therein any thermal-storage water-heating service to which subclause (2) of Clause 4 of this Order applies, and for the purpose of disconnecting any such service that is installed in the premises or exercising any power conferred on him pursuant to Part IV of this Order :
- (b) It shall be lawful for the supply authority, until the disconnection of every such service as aforesaid is completed, to employ any of its servicemen or wiremen, and any person usually employed by it on outdoor work, in the disconnection of such services :

- (c) The chief executive officer of the supply authority may, on application made to him for the reconnection of any such service, authorize in writing such reconnection as aforesaid if he is satisfied that the refusal of the application would, by reason of the sickness or infirmity of the applicant or of some member of the applicant's family or of some other person on whose behalf the application is made, or by reason of other circumstances, cause substantial hardship to any such person :
- (d) The supply authority shall not charge to any person any fee for the disconnection or reconnection of the service.

#### PART III.—PERMITS AND CONNECTIONS

6. (1) Subject to any special directions given by the Electricity Controller, and subject to compliance with all lawful requirements and conditions relating to the permit or installation, every supply authority to whom this Order applies shall issue a permit for every installation to which this clause applies, and when any such installation is duly completed shall connect the installation to its system of supply.

(2) This clause shall apply to every electrical installation of any of the following classes :—

- (a) Lighting, heating, or power installations that are essential for the construction of any school, any hospital, any factory, workshop, or industrial plant, or any new dwellinghouse, where in any such case no alternative to electricity is reasonably available :
- (b) Installations in any new dwellinghouse ; and, where no alternative to electricity is reasonably available, installations in any existing dwellinghouse or in any addition to an existing dwellinghouse :
- (c) Lighting, heating, or power installations which, in the opinion of the supply authority, will directly and economically increase primary production, where no alternative to electricity is reasonably available.

7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other enactment, order, or direction, but subject to the provisions of Clause 6 hereof and to any special directions given by the Electricity Controller, no supply authority to whom this Order applies shall connect to its system of supply any electrical space-heating installation either new or by way of extension.

#### PART IV.—ENFORCEMENT

8. (1) The Electricity Controller hereby requires each supply authority to whom this Order applies to appoint as many suitable persons as may be necessary to act under the authority of this Order to ensure that the provisions of this Order and the decisions of the supply authority made for the purposes of this Order are complied with, and hereby delegates to every such supply authority the power to execute for each authorized person written evidence of his authority. Every such authorization shall be signed by the appointee as well as by the chief executive officer of the supply authority.

(2) Each supply authority shall make provision for the safe custody and for the surrender when no longer necessary of each authority issued by it.

9. Every person purporting to enter upon premises under the authority of this Order shall, if required so to do by the owner or occupier of the premises concerned or by any other responsible person, produce (before proceeding to exercise his authority) evidence of his identity and written evidence of his authority to act under this Order.

10. Every supply authority to whom this Order applies shall ensure that at all times its chief executive officer or some other executive officer is immediately available to receive and give effect to all directions given by the Electricity Controller to the supply authority and all decisions of the supply authority made for the purposes of this Order.

11. The Electricity Controller hereby delegates to the chief executive officer of every supply authority to whom this Order applies and to every other executive officer for the time being acting under Clause 10 hereof, such of the Controller's powers, privileges, rights, and functions as may be required to enable those executive officers to comply with, enforce, and give effect to the provisions of this Order and any directions given by the Controller and any decisions of the supply authority made for the purposes of this Order, including the power of delegation, and including in particular the right of access to any premises and the authority to disconnect any electric line or work and the power to select, as between the installations of different consumers or groups or classes of consumers and as between installations or groups or classes of installations in different parts of the supply authority's area of supply, which of them shall be disconnected and in what order and for what periods.

Dated at Wellington, this 4th day of June, 1947.

F. T. M. KISSEL,  
Electricity Controller.

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