

*License authorizing the Wairere Electric-power Board to use Water from the Mokau River for the Purpose of generating Electricity, and to use Electric Lines within the Wairere Electric-power District and Outer Area of such District.*

JELLCOE, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 6th day of October, 1924.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred by the Public Works Amendment Act, 1908, the Public Works Amendment Act, 1911, and of all other powers in anywise enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth—subject to the conditions set forth in the Schedule hereto, and to the regulations made under section two of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1911, and dated the ninth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the twelfth day of the same month, or any regulations hereafter made in amendment thereof or in substitution therefor (and hereinafter collectively referred to as “the regulations”), and which regulations shall be deemed to be incorporated herein—hereby grants to the Wairere Electric-power Board, being an electric-power Board duly constituted under the provisions of the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918 (hereinafter with its successors and assigns referred to as “the licensee”) a license to take and use from the Mokau River (hereinafter referred to as “the said river”), in the Taranaki Land District, for the purposes hereinafter set forth, a stream of water (hereinafter referred to as “the said water”) not exceeding one hundred cubic feet per second at any one time; and also to use electric lines for power, lighting, heating, or other uses within the Wairere Electric-power District and outer area of such district, both as defined by Proclamation dated the eleventh day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 5, of the eighteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, such electric lines at present proposed to be used being indicated on the plans marked P.W.D. 59812, and deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District; but nothing herein shall be held to guarantee that the said river contains sufficient water to supply one hundred cubic feet per second hereinbefore mentioned.

SCHEDULE.

1. UTILIZATION OF THE WATER.

The said water shall be used solely for the purpose of generating electricity, and the whole of such water shall be returned to the Mokau River at or near the power-house.

2. LOCATION OF HEADWORKS.

The said water shall be taken from the Mokau River at the headworks, situated in Section 1, Block VI, Totoro Survey District, as indicated on the plan marked P.W.D. 59813, deposited in the office of the Minister at Wellington, in the Wellington Land District.

3. MAINTENANCE OF WORKS.

The licensee shall maintain the works used under this license in proper working-order during the continuance of such license.

4. DURATION OF LICENSE.

This license shall, unless sooner determined in accordance with the provisions hereinafter expressed, continue in force for a period of forty-two years from the date hereof. Upon the expiry of the said term, or upon the sooner determination of this license by revocation or otherwise, all rights hereby granted to the licensee shall thereupon cease and determine but such expiration or determination shall not relieve the licensee of any liability theretofore incurred under this license.

5. RENTAL.

The licensee shall, in respect of this license, pay to the Public Works Engineer for the district, or otherwise as the Minister may from time to time require, a rental at the rate of 1s. per annum per kilowatt of maximum output, as recorded by the wattmeter to be installed by the licensee at the power-house; payment to be made yearly on the 31st day of March in each year, commencing from the day electrical power is first supplied. For the purpose of this clause

“maximum output” means twice the number of units generated and recorded in the half-hour during which the output is the maximum for the year. Wattmeter readings shall be recorded half-hourly throughout each day. The minimum rental shall not be less than £10 per annum.

6. GRANTING OF OTHER WATER-RIGHTS.

Nothing herein shall prevent the Governor-General in Council from granting to any person or body corporate other than the licensee a license to take water from any portion of the said river, except at the place where the licensee is by this license empowered to take it; provided that no such license shall so operate as to reduce the natural fall between the headworks and tail-water, or the volume of the water which the licensee is by this license authorized to take from the said river.

7. SURRENDER OF LICENSE.

The licensee may at any time, with the consent of the Minister, surrender this license, and shall thereupon, if so required by the Minister, remove from the ground all removable equipment, machinery, buildings, poles, transmission-lines, and other plant herein authorized to be installed or provided. If the licensee fails or neglects so to remove the said plant within twelve months after being required so to do, such equipment, machinery, buildings, poles, lines, and other plant shall, without payment or compensation, vest in and become the property of the Crown.

8. CHARGES FOR ELECTRICAL ENERGY.

The charges for electrical energy shall not exceed 1s. per unit for lighting purposes, and 6d. per unit for motor-power, heating, or cooking purposes; provided that “lighting purposes” shall include the operation of motor generators for lighting purposes; and provided further that if accounts are paid within fourteen days of due date the charge shall not exceed 9d. per unit for lighting purposes and 4½d. per unit for motor-power, cooking, and heating purposes.

In the case of wholesale supply the charges shall not exceed £16 per kilovolt-ampere per year plus ½d. per unit. Wholesale supply for this period shall be held to be a supply in respect of which the consumer shall guarantee to pay not less than £180 per annum.

9. SYSTEM OF SUPPLY.

The system of supply shall be as described in paragraph (e) of clause 2 of the regulations.

The generating and transmission voltage shall be approximately 6,600 volts between phases.

10. INTERCHANGE OF SUPPLY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY.

(a.) In the event of the Minister establishing a hydro-electric-power scheme outside the area of supply of a frequency of 50 cycles per second on the three-phase-alternating-current system, he may require the licensee to connect that system with the licensee's electrical system in such a manner that an interchange of electrical energy between the two systems may be made from time to time and when required by either the licensee or the Minister, up to at least one-half of the total capacity of the plant installed at the licensee's power-house.

(b.) The licensee shall erect and maintain in good order, at the expense of the licensee, the necessary transmission-lines between the licensee's power-house and a point on the boundary of the area of supply to be determined by the Minister.

(c.) The Minister shall erect and maintain in good order, at the expense of the Minister, the necessary transmission-lines outside the area of supply for the purpose of connecting the two systems at the point last mentioned in subclause (b) hereof.

(d.) The licensee and the Minister respectively shall, on demand, and from time to time as and when required, supply to each other so much of the surplus electrical energy as is then required and is available, but not in excess of one-half of the capacity of the plant installed in the licensee's power-house.

(e.) The price to be paid by the licensee or the Minister shall not exceed the following rates:—

Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily: 1d. per unit.

Between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. daily: ½d. per unit.

To be measured in each case at the point last mentioned in subclause (b) hereof.

(f.) For the purpose of this clause either the licensee or the Minister may have the unit measured in kilovolt-ampere hours instead of kilowatt hours.

11. CROWN NOT LIABLE TO PAY COMPENSATION.

Nothing in this license shall be held to cast upon or imply any liability upon His Majesty the King or upon the Govern-