

*License authorizing the Wellington City Council to erect Electric Lines within the City of Wellington.*

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 10th day of November, 1925.

Present :

THE HONOURABLE J. G. COATES PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred by the Public Works Amendment Act, 1911, the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1924, and of all other powers in anywise enabling him in that 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 hereby revoke the licenses described in the Second Schedule hereto, and doth—subject to the conditions set forth in the First Schedule hereto, and to the regulations made under section two of the aforesaid Act, 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 thereof, with such alterations, exceptions, and exemptions as are agreed upon between the Chief Electrical Engineer of the Public Works Department and the Electrical Engineer to the licensee, and set forth in a memorandum signed by them dated the seventh day of October, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (and hereinafter collectively referred to as “the regulations”), and which regulations shall be deemed to be incorporated herein—hereby authorize the Wellington City Council (hereinafter referred to as “the licensee”) to erect, maintain, renew, and repair electric lines for lighting, power, and heating purposes within the area of supply hereinafter described, and to maintain, renew, and repair the lines erected under the licenses mentioned in the Second Schedule hereto.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

1. AREA OF SUPPLY.

THE area of supply comprises the City of Wellington as at present constituted.

2. SYSTEM OF SUPPLY.

The system of supply shall be as described in paragraphs (a), (c), (e), and (h) of clause 2 of the regulations. The primary distribution voltages shall be approximately 11,000 volts and 3,300 volts between phases. In so far as the introduction of the systems of supply authorized by this license involves a change from the system of supplying at a pressure of 105 volts and at a periodicity of 80 cycles per second to any other voltage or to any other periodicity, such change shall be effected subject to the following conditions:—

*Classification.*—The consumers' installations shall be classified as follows:—

- (a.) Installations in which the wiring is found to be in accordance with the licensee's rules and regulations adopted on 17th December, 1908, and only require alterations necessitated by the change of system.
- (b.) Installations in which the wiring is found to be defective under the licensee's rules and regulations adopted on 17th December, 1908.
- (c.) Installations in which the wiring is worn out by effluxion of time or service, and under any conditions of supply would require to be re-wired within a short period.

*Allocation of Cost.*—The cost of alterations shall be allocated as follows:—

Class (a): The whole of the cost shall be paid by the licensee, provided always that in the case of extensions and alterations which have not been authorized by the licensee the cost of alterations thereto shall be borne by the consumer.

Class (b): The cost of removing all defects shall be paid by the consumer and the cost of alterations due to change in system shall be paid by the licensee.

Class (c): The whole cost shall be paid by the consumer.

In cases where the consumers do not desire to pay in full at the time of the alterations the cost for which they are liable, the whole of such work shall be carried out by the licensee through contractors or its own servants, and the whole of such cost or any portion of same shall, unless the licensee and the

consumer shall agree otherwise, be carried out under the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, or any statutory modification thereof as to payment. Provision may be made for consumers to pay the instalments due with their regular accounts for the supply of electricity.

All work under clauses (a) and (b) affected by this clause shall, unless otherwise agreed between the licensee and the consumer, be carried out by the Corporation.

In case of any dispute arising in respect of matters affected by this clause between the licensee and a consumer, a Board of Appeal (whose decision shall be final) shall be set up to decide such dispute, which Board of Appeal shall consist of the following:—

- (1.) One representative appointed by the licensee;
- (2.) One representative appointed by the consumer on whose premises the alterations are necessary;
- (3.) The Senior Stipendiary Magistrate for the City of Wellington (who shall be Chairman).

3. EXISTING ELECTRIC LINES.

The electric lines already erected within the area of supply shall be deemed to be erected under this license, and the provisions hereof shall apply as fully and effectively as if this were the license originally issued: Provided that with respect to existing electric lines in any section of the area of supply in which the system of supply at a pressure of 105 volts and at a periodicity of 80 cycles per second is still in operation the regulations shall not apply for a period of ten (10) years from the date hereof; but during such period of ten years such regulations as were applicable to such section prior to the issue of this license shall apply until the expiration of such period of ten years.

4. CHARGES FOR ELECTRICAL ENERGY.

The charge for electrical energy shall not exceed 8d. per unit for lighting purposes, and 4d. 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 charges shall not exceed 6d. per unit for lighting purposes and 3d. per unit for motor-power, heating, or cooking purposes.

Nothing in this clause shall prevent the licensee adopting a system of charging whereby one meter registers current for lighting, heating, and/or cooking, and of the current so registered a portion assessed by the licensee shall be charged at lighting rates, and the balance at heating and cooking rates.

5. DURATION OF LICENSE.

This license shall continue in force until lawfully determined.

6. CONVERSION OF LINES FROM EARTH-WORKING TO METALLIC.

Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the licensee shall bear the cost of converting the Railway or Post and Telegraph Department's lines which are now erected from earth-working to metallic if required by the Minister of Railways or of Telegraphs.

7. TELEGRAPH-LINES.

The licensee shall rectify to the satisfaction of the Minister of Railways or the Minister of Telegraphs any interference or disturbance caused by the erection or operation of the licensee's system that affects the satisfactory working of the telegraph-lines which are the property of the Railway or Telegraph Department, and which were erected prior to the licensee's lines.

The licensee shall not be called upon under the powers vested in the Minister of Telegraphs by this license at its own expense to make alterations to any electric line which has been or may hereafter be lawfully erected.

8. ELECTRIC LINES.—PLANS; APPROVAL.

The licensee shall submit plans in triplicate showing in distinctive colours for each voltage the route of all main lines connecting with the Government main substation at Khandallah, or connecting its own substations, together with a plan of all high-tension distribution-lines within the area of supply.

No high- or extra-high-tension line shall be erected in the area of supply until the route of same and the voltage proposed to be used have been approved by the Public Works Department.