

The Public Works Amendment Act, 1908, Section 5.—License to use Water for the Purpose of generating Electricity.

Office of the Minister of Public Works,
Wellington, 24th February, 1926.

THE Minister of Public Works hereby notifies, for public information, that the following are the requirements and provisions subject to which he will be prepared to advise His Excellency the Governor-General in Council to entertain applications for licenses under section 5 of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1908.

REGULATIONS.

APPLICATIONS.

1. EVERY application for a license to use water for power purposes, under section 5 of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1908, shall be made in writing to the Minister of Public Works, at Wellington, and the applicant shall, when required, supply the Minister with the following particulars:—

(1.) In the case of a company—

(a.) Evidence to the satisfaction of the Minister that the company is duly incorporated and registered.

(b.) A copy of the company's memorandum of association and rules.

(2.) In every case—

(c.) A lithograph or sketch-plan, to a suitable scale, with section and block numbers and boundaries and name of district endorsed thereon, showing the position of the headworks, the proposed water-race or pipe-line, or both, the position of the generating-station and the tail-race, and the approximate boundaries of the area of land, if any, to be flooded.

(d.) A statement of the quantity of water to be taken, and the difference in level between the water and the headworks and in the tail-race; a description of the electrical system to be adopted—that is to say, whether direct current or alternating current, and, if the latter, the number of phases and periodicity, and in either case the pressure of generation, transmission, and supply.

(e.) A statement of the extent of the electric power proposed to be developed in the initial installation and to be provided for in future extensions, and the use intended to be made of it.

(f.) A plan in triplicate to a suitable scale, but in any case not less than 1 in. to the mile, showing the area of supply, the site of the power-house and substations, the routes proposed for the initial transmission-lines, indicating all roads, railways, rivers, post and telegraph lines, and other electric lines, and also private and Crown lands proposed to be crossed or traversed.

(g.) A statement of the time to elapse between the date of the license and the complete initial installation and construction of all the hydraulic and electrical plant and works specified in the application.

(h.) Any further or other information which the Minister may require.

2. (a.) In all cases where the applicant is not a local authority, or if a local authority desires to operate beyond its own boundaries, the consent in writing of the local authority concerned must be obtained and forwarded with the application.

(b.) In cases where an Electric-power Board has been established under the Electric-power Boards Act, 1918, the written consent of the Power Board must be obtained and forwarded with the application if it is proposed to sell electricity to consumers other than the licensee.

3. The Minister may require all or any of the aforesaid particulars to be verified on oath, and the application may be refused if, in his opinion, any of the particulars are unsatisfactory, or the quantity of water applied for is excessive or the proposed use is improper.

4. If the Minister thinks the application should be further considered, he shall appoint a Commission of Inquiry for this purpose, whereupon the following provisions shall apply:—

(a.) The Commissioner shall require a minute of the application to be advertised, at the cost of the applicant, in such form and in such newspaper as he thinks fit, having regard to the nature and extent of the works, the route proposed for transmission, and the interests likely to be affected.

(b.) The minute shall call on all persons having any objection to the proposed works to give notice thereof to the Commissioner, and also to serve a copy thereof on the applicant, within such time before the day of hearing as the Commissioner prescribes.

CONDITIONS OF LICENSE.

5. The license when issued shall be in such form and shall contain such conditions and provisions as the Governor-General in Council thinks fit, including conditions and provisions for the following purposes:—

(a.) A limitation as to time within which the powers conferred by the license shall be exercised, and a limitation as to the time within which the complete initial plant as authorized shall be installed.

(b.) Power for inspection by the Minister and such officers as he appoints for that purpose, both during and after construction of all works, so as to ensure the provisions of the license being given due effect to and the law as regards safety of life and property being duly observed.

(c.) Power to the Governor-General in Council to impose fines, or suspend or cancel the license, for breach of any of its conditions.

(d.) A statement of the time during which the license is to be current, and whether or not any renewal of the same can be obtained, and on what terms.

(e.) A yearly rental charge of 1s. per kilowatt of maximum output generated during each and every year in the case of local authorities or Electric-power Boards, with a minimum charge of £10 per year; and in all other cases at the rate of 4s. per kilowatt of maximum output generated during each and every year, with a minimum charge of 5s. per year. The output shall be measured by means of a wattmeter when available, otherwise it shall be determined on the maximum capacity of the generator or generators installed.

(f.) A schedule of maximum charges that may be made by the licensee for the sale or supply of electricity.

(g.) Power to the Governor-General in Council to forfeit, without payment of any compensation, any water delivered at the headworks or dam in excess of the quantity which the turbines installed are capable of utilizing.

(h.) Requiring the licensee to submit for the Minister's approval, before the works are commenced, detail plans of the dam, pipe-line, and headworks.

(i.) For all or any of the purposes prescribed by the regulations under section 2 of the Public Works Amendment Act, 1911, published in the *New Zealand Gazette* No. 73, of the 12th October, 1922, 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.

6. Before the issue of a license the licensee shall deposit, by payment to the credit of the Receiver-General's Deposit Account at the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, a sum of £1 per kilowatt for every kilowatt authorized to be used, but not exceeding a maximum deposit of £500, and forward bank receipt to the Minister. Such deposit shall be retained by the Receiver-General, without payment of interest, until the licensee produces a certificate under the hand of an officer appointed by the Minister to the effect that the licensee has duly and properly constructed and installed on the premises the whole of the hydraulic and electrical installations authorized by the license.

7. In order to standardize the conditions as far as possible throughout the Dominion, it is suggested that when convenient the three-phase four-wire system be adopted for distribution at a frequency of 50 cycles per second, and a voltage of 230 between each phase and a neutral for lighting purposes and small motors, and 400 volts between phases for supply to large motors.

J. G. COATES, Minister of Public Works.

Redefining Boundaries of the Borough of Featherston, the County of Featherston, and the Featherston Riding of the County of Featherston.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 27th February, 1926.

PURSUANT to the provisions of section 141 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, the boundaries of the Borough of Featherston are hereby defined as set out in the First Schedule hereto, the boundaries of the said borough having been altered by Order in Council dated the 1st day of February, 1926, made under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, and published in *Gazette* No. 8, of the 11th day of February, 1926.

And also in pursuance of the provisions of the said section 141 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, the boundaries of the County of Featherston affected by the said Order in