

*License authorizing the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts to use Water from the Okere River for the Purpose of generating Electricity, and to erect Electric Lines within the Borough of Rotorua and Portion of the County of Rotorua.*

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 31st day of October, 1931.

Present :

THE RIGHT HON. G. W. FORBES, PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred by the Public Works Act, 1928, and 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, and subject to the conditions set forth in the Schedule hereto and to the regulations dated the eleventh day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the twelfth day of the same month, and to any regulations made in amendment thereof or in substitution thereof (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the regulations"), and which regulations shall so far as they are applicable be deemed to be incorporated herein, doth hereby authorize the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts, as incorporated by the Rotorua Borough Act, 1922 (hereinafter referred to as "the licensee"), to take and use from the Okere River (hereinafter referred to as "the said river") for the purposes hereinafter set forth, a stream of water (hereinafter referred to as the "said water"), not exceeding one hundred and fifty-seven cubic feet per second at any time, and also to erect and maintain electric lines for lighting, power, and heating purposes within the area of supply described in the Schedule hereto, but nothing herein shall be held to guarantee that the said river contains sufficient water to supply the said water.

SCHEDULE.

1. PLANS.

The licensee shall, before any works hereby authorized are commenced, forward for the approval of the Minister of Public Works (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister")—

- (a) Full detailed drawings and specifications of such works :
- (b) Such other plans as the Minister may require.

2. UTILIZATION OF THE WATER.

The said water shall, except with the consent of the Minister, be used solely for the purpose of generating electricity not exceeding 200 k.v.a, and shall be returned to the said river at or near the powerhouse where the same is used.

3. LOCATION OF HEADWORKS.

The said water shall be taken from the said river at the headworks situated at Okere Falls.

4. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORKS.

For the purposes of this license and subject to the approval of such plans as the Minister may consider necessary, the licensee is hereby authorized to maintain and use the following existing works :—

- (a) Headworks consisting of a dam and necessary intake.
- (b) Tunnel, pipe-line, or other conduits leading from such dam to the power-house hereinafter referred to.
- (c) A power-house with all necessary equipment, including water-turbines, generators, transformers, lightning-arresters, switchboards, switches, exciters, and other appliances for generating electricity.

And to construct, maintain, and use the following works of which the positions shall be indicated on the said plans :—

- (d) Buildings, plant, and equipment for and in connection with the employment of electricity which may be generated for the purposes of electric lighting, mechanical power, and heating.
- (e) Such transmission and other lines within the area of supply as may from time to time be required within such area of supply, and after compliance with the provisions of clause 21 of the regulations.

5. INSPECTION OF WORKS.

The Inspecting Engineer, both during and after the construction of the works, shall have free access to and liberty at any time to inspect the same so as to ensure that the provisions of this license are given due effect to.

6. MAINTENANCE OF WORKS.

After the said works have been completed, the licensee shall maintain the same in proper working-order during the continuance of this license.

7. RIGHT TO ENTER LANDS, ETC.

The licensee shall have the right at any time or times during the continuance of this license, with the consent of the Minister, to enter upon any road or other land, whether vested in or occupied by the Crown or any other person or body corporate, and there to construct, erect, lay down, maintain, renew, or repair all such transmission-lines, poles, or other things as are required for the transmission of electricity between the generating-stations and any of the substations to which this license applies.

8. POWER TO TAKE LAND.

The licensee is hereby empowered to take, under the Public Works Act, 1928, as for a public work such land as may, in the opinion of the Governor-General, be necessary or advisable to enable the licensee to construct and maintain the various works authorized by this license.

9. 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.

10. RENTAL.

The licensee shall, as from and after the date hereof, 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 watthour meters to be installed by the licensee at the power-house mentioned in clause 4 (c) hereof ; payment to be made yearly for the period ending on the 31st day of March in each year. "Maximum output" means twice the number of units generated in the half-hour during which the number of units generated is a maximum for the year. For this purpose the units generated shall be recorded at the end of each half-hour commencing from noon of each day.

11. 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 charges shall not exceed 10d. per unit for lighting purposes and 4½d. per unit for motor-power, cooking, and heating purposes. In the case of wholesale supply the charge shall not exceed £16 per kilovolt-ampere of maximum demand per year plus ½d. per unit. "Wholesale supply" for this purpose shall be held to be a supply in respect of which the consumer shall guarantee to pay not less than £180 per year.

A minimum charge, not exceeding 7s. 6d. per month, including meter rent (if any), may be collected if required by the licensee, and shall be printed on the licensee's conditions of supply.

12. AREA OF SUPPLY.

The area of supply shall comprise the Borough of Rotorua as at present constituted and that portion of the County of Rotorua described as follows : Bounded by a line commencing at the south-western corner of Block V, Horohoro Survey District, and proceeding thence generally in a northerly direction following the western boundary of Rotorua County to the Ohaupara Stream in Block II, Rotorua Survey District ; thence following the said stream in an easterly direction to its confluence with the Mangorewa River ; thence following the said river eastward to the north-western corner of Block I, Rotoiti Survey District ; thence following the northern boundary of that survey district to the north-eastern corner of Block III thereof ; thence proceeding in a southerly direction along the eastern boundaries of Blocks III, VII, XI, and XV, Rotoiti Survey District, and of Blocks III and VII, Tarawera Survey District, to the south-eastern corner of the last-mentioned block ; proceeding thence generally in a westerly direction along the southern boundaries of Blocks VII, VI, and V, Tarawera Survey District, and Blocks VIII, VII, VI, and V, Horohoro Survey District, to the point of commencement. As the same is more particularly delineated on the plan marked P.W.D. 81164, deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works at Wellington.