

Alterations or Additions.

19. The consumer shall not, after a supply of energy has been given, make or allow to be made any alterations or additions to the wiring, fittings, or apparatus connected thereto until a written application has been made to the Department and such application has been granted by the Department.

20. The alterations or extensions will be treated as if they formed part of a new installation, and must not be connected until they have been inspected and passed by a departmental officer.

21. If the above conditions are not complied with the consumer's supply is liable to be disconnected without notice.

Interruptions.

22. Electrical energy will be supplied continuously, but the Department will not be responsible for any inconvenience or loss that may be sustained by a consumer in consequence of interruptions or defects of supply caused by strikes, tempests, or earthquakes, or accidents to machinery, electric lines, or other apparatus, or on account of its being deemed necessary by the Department to cut off the supply for temporary repairs or in consequence of any operation of the Department.

Formal Contracts and Deposits.

23. The Department may require any consumer to enter into a formal contract, or to pay a deposit as security for energy supplied.

24. In the event of no formal contract being entered into between the Department and the consumer, the latter, after the supply has commenced, shall be held to have agreed to, and shall be bound by, these conditions of supply.

Meters.

25. A meter or meters will be provided free of charge to measure the total power going into an installation, but if for the purposes of the consumer (a) check meters or (b) any other special meters are installed to meet the requirements of the consumer, the consumer shall pay a monthly charge of 6d. for each extra meter.

26. If the accuracy of a meter is questioned by a consumer the Department will arrange for a test to be made provided the sum of 5s. is deposited at the office. If the meter be found after testing to register within 2½ per cent. of the quantity passing through it, the meter shall be deemed to be correct, and the deposit aforementioned shall be forfeited.

27. If the meter is not correct, adjustment will be made in the consumer's account for one month, and the deposit will be returned.

Change of Occupancy.

28. Each consumer will be held responsible for the electric energy consumed on the premises specified in the application until written notice has been received by the Department that the supply is to be discontinued or transferred. Such notice must be given to the Department forty-eight hours before the consumer wishes the supply to be cut off. In the event of a consumer ceasing to require the supply and failing to give the required notice in advance, such consumer shall be charged for all supply registered on the meter.

Disconnection.

29. It shall be a breach of these by-laws—

(a) If the consumer makes use of the electrical supply for any other purpose than that set forth in his application, or uses or deals with the energy supplied by the Department in any manner so as unduly or improperly to interfere with the efficient supply of energy to other consumers; or

(b) If the consumer shall refuse access to his premises at any reasonable time to a departmental officer for the purpose of inspecting, testing, reading, removing, or fixing the meter, or of inspecting and testing the consumer's wiring and fittings; or

(c) If the consumer's installation shall, upon testing, not comply with the tests as set out in the Wiring Regulations, 1935; or

(d) If the consumer or any person with his knowledge or connivance tamper with, break the seals of, or wilfully damage any meter or apparatus on his premises, being the property of the Department, or shall fraudulently obtain a supply of electricity from the Department's service wires or apparatus; or

(e) If the consumer make default in paying for the electric energy supplied to him; or

(f) If the consumer shall in any way contravene the terms in his application and the Department in addition to taking action for any such breach may discontinue the supply of electric energy to such consumer.

Reconnection.

30. If the Department should discontinue the supply to the consumer for any of the reasons in clause 29, then a payment of 5s. shall be made for the reconnection of the installation.

31. When an installation has been disconnected, reconnection shall be made by a departmental officer only.

Saving.

32. In any matter relating to material or workmanship which forms part of any installation, connected or to be connected to the Department's mains, but which is not specially provided for in these by-laws, the decision shall be made by the Department, and such decision shall be final.

33. The Department reserves the right to decide the particular charge of those quoted in clause 35 which shall apply to any consumer; to restrict the use of any apparatus to defined hours; to refuse to give supply, or to continue to supply any apparatus the use of which is prejudicial to the supply given to other consumers; to make special charges for supply of energy in cases not provided for in these by-laws.

34. The Department may from time to time make, alter, amend, or revoke by-laws to regulate and determine—

- (1) The sale and distribution of electricity;
- (2) The terms and conditions under which electrical installations may be used by consumers.

Charges.

35. The price for electrical energy supplied by the Department will be calculated on the Board of Trade unit consisting of 1,000 watt-hours. All energy will be charged according to meter register, but should a supply be given before a meter is installed the consumer shall pay for current supplied during such period a sum based upon the number and capacity of lamps and other apparatus installed.

In all cases units may, at the option of the Department, be measured as kilovolt-ampere hours instead of kilowatt-hours if the power factor of the consumer's load falls below 90 per cent.

Should the meter prove defective in any way, or be removed for testing or repair, the consumer shall pay per month for energy supplied during such period a sum based on the average former reading of the meter.

If the revenue from any existing or proposed installation does not cover the cost of supply, the Department may impose a connected-load charge in addition to the charge by meter.

Prepayment meters may be installed in any installation at the discretion of the Department.

The charges for energy supplied shall be computed monthly, and shall be as follows:—

(a) (1) Lighting—			
	1-40 units	6d. per unit net.	
	41-280 " .. .	5d. "	
	281-1,000 " .. .	4d. "	
	Over 1,000 " .. .	3d. "	

(2) Where prepayment meters are installed the charge shall be 6½d. per unit for lighting and 2½d. per unit for domestic heating and cooking purposes. This rate will be operative from the date the new price mechanisms are installed.

(3) For motor camps, or similar installations, the following alternative tariff is available: Where not less than ten (10) prepayment meters are installed in the same installation, for supply to heating appliances only, the charge shall be 1½d. per unit with an average minimum charge of £2 per meter per annum.

A minimum may be required where these meters are installed, as provided for in clause 35 (b).

(b) For floodlights, or advertising-lighting, the following alternative to clause (a) is available: The consumer may pay a monthly charge at the rate of 1s. 6d. per 100-watt lamp, the energy consumed to be charged for at ordinary heating-rates (clause (e)).

(c) (1) For domestic heating, power, and electrical appliances and supply of a similar nature—

	1-16 units	3d. per unit net.
	17-48 " .. .	1½d. "
	Balance units .. .	1d. "

Churches shall be included under this scale.

(2) When the consumer installs an electric cooking-range the charge for all the energy consumed by such range during the six months immediately following its installation shall be 1d. per unit.

At the expiry of the six-months period energy supplied for the range will be charged as per scale (c) (1).