

By-laws under the Rotorua Borough Act, 1922

WHEREAS by section 8 of the Rotorua Borough Act, 1922, all electric light and power works theretofore provided, erected, or constructed by the Crown in or in connection with the Town of Rotorua remain vested in the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts, as incorporated by the Rotorua Town Act, 1907, and the Rotorua Borough Act, 1922:

And whereas in respect of these works the said Department has and may exercise all the powers for the time being conferred by law on Borough Councils, except the power to borrow money by way of special loan or to make and levy any rate:

And whereas by licenses granted by the Governor-General in Council, as published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the 5th November, 1931, and 1st October, 1936, respectively, the said Department is authorized to generate electricity and erect electric lines within the Borough of Rotorua and portion of the County of Rotorua as set out in the Schedules of the said licenses:

Now, therefore, the said Department, in pursuance of the powers hereinbefore recited and all other powers thereunto enabling it, doth hereby amend the Rotorua Borough By-laws published in the *Gazette* on the 18th day of February, 1937, at page 431, by revoking by-law number 35 (as substituted by the Rotorua Borough By-laws published in the *Gazette* on the 2nd day of February, 1939, at page 136, and further amended by the Rotorua Borough By-laws published in the *Gazette* on the 10th day of July, 1941, at page 2103) and substituting the following by-law, and doth hereby declare that the instrument published in the *Gazette* of the 10th day of July, 1941, at page 2103 as aforesaid is consequentially revoked, and that this instrument shall take effect on and from the 1st day of February, 1944.

BY-LAW 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 for 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 Department may read meters monthly or quarterly or at any other interval that best suits its convenience. Should a special reading be required at any time to suit the convenience of the consumer, such reading will be made or a card will be forwarded on which the consumer can enter the reading of the meter or meters, and an account will be prepared from the readings on this card. A charge may be levied to cover the cost of the special readings as above.

Where premises are occupied intermittently and/or a reading of the meter is not obtained at the time of the ordinary meter-reading, a card may be left for or sent to the consumer. This card shall be filled in by the consumer and returned to the Department to enable an account to be prepared.

Failing the receipt of the card within a period of ten days, the Department will assume that the premises have been unoccupied for the last period between regular meter-readings and an account computed in accordance with clause 35 (d) will be forwarded to the consumer.

In cases where the previous account or accounts have been assessed in accordance with the preceding paragraph, the Department on receiving a reading of the meter may compute the consumption on the basis that the consumer has been in occupation for the whole or part of the period from the date of the last actual reading. Such computation shall not, however, prejudice the right of the consumer to certify that the premises were occupied for a greater or lesser period than that assessed by the Department. On receiving such a certificate the Department may adjust the account accordingly, provided the periods when the premises were unoccupied exceed one month continuously.

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

(A) DOMESTIC

(i) For domestic lighting, heating, and power the monthly charges shall be as follows:—

1-20 units	3d. per unit.
21-40 units	2d. "
Balance of units	1d. "

Churches and Maori meeting-houses shall be included under this scale. Where commercial premises have living-quarters

attached and the whole is supplied with energy through one set of meters, the charges shall be at commercial rates as per subclause (B); or where separately metered each shall be considered as a separate connection.

(ii) (a) *Water-heating*.—Where the use of energy for hot-water heating is limited to "off peak" hours and controlled by means of a time switch or water-heating relay or by a change-over switch with a range or motor, supply will be given at a special net rate of—

All units ½d. per unit.

(b) If to control this use of energy it is necessary to use a time switch, the consumer shall supply an approved time switch.

(c) If a switch, or the means of control, is supplied by the Department, the consumer shall pay rent for such at the rate of 1s. per month.

(d) Under special conditions this rate will be available for energy (except lighting) consumed between the hours of 10.30 p.m. and 7 a.m.

(iii) *Prepayment Meters*.—Where prepayment meters are installed the charge shall be—

5½d. per unit for lighting; and
1½d. per unit for domestic heating and cooking purposes.

(B) COMMERCIAL AND FARMING

(i) *Lighting*:—
All units 3d. per unit.

(ii) *Heating and Power (Monthly)*:—
1-1,000 units 2d. per unit.
Balance of units 1d. "

(iii) *Water-heating*.—As for "Domestic" (see clause (A) (ii)).

Where in cow-sheds energy for lighting is supplied through a single-phase power meter, then the first 3 units per month will be charged lighting rates for one light, with one additional unit added for each additional light.

(C) EXTRAORDINARY SUPPLY

In cases where an extraordinary supply is given or in cases not covered by the above subclauses (A) or (B), the Department may fix a charge which is considered reasonable under the circumstances.

(D) MINIMUM CHARGE

The minimum charge shall be not less than 2s. 6d. per month for each connection to the system in the Borough of Rotorua and not less than 4s. per month for each connection outside the borough boundary, with the exception of churches and Maori meeting-houses, where 2s. 6d. per month minimum charge is required. Where two or more consumers are supplied through the one connection, then a minimum charge will be levied on each consumer.

(E) DEMAND CHARGE

(i) All charges are net monthly charges, and the net account will be computed on these charges. The gross amount payable will be the above net account plus an additional charge of twopence (2d.) per one shilling (1s.) of the net account (parts of a shilling not to be taken into account for the purpose of computing this charge). If payment is made on or before due date (see clause (F)) the additional charge will be deducted as a discount.

(ii) The additional charges in (E) (i) shall not be added to accounts for Government Departments, local bodies, hospitals, fire or other Boards.

(F) DISCOUNT

(i) Discounts will be allowed on current accounts only, and subject to the conditions—

That the full amount of the account, including all arrears, is paid within fourteen days of the reading of the meter:

Provided that should the last day of the period allowed for discount be a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday, discount shall be allowed if such payment is made on the working-day immediately following.

(ii) In any case of hardship the Minister in Charge of the Department may allow discount if payment is made within seven days after the last ordinary day for the allowing of discount.

Given under the Common Seal of the Department of Tourist and Health Resorts, as incorporated under the Rotorua Town Act, 1907, and the Rotorua Borough Act, 1922, and under the hand of the Minister in Charge of the said Department, this 26th day of January, 1944.

[L.S.]

W. E. PARRY,
Minister in Charge of Tourist
and Health Resorts.