4. CONSULTATIVE COUNCILS

The Electricity (Consultative Council) (Areas) Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 898

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The Minister of Fuel and Power, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section seven of the Electricity Act, 1947, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:— 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 54.

Appointment and tenure of office of members, chairman and deputy-chairman.

1.—(1) The appointment of a member of the Consultative Council for any area (in these Regulations referred to as " a council ") shall be for such term not exceeding five years as may before his appointment be determined by the Minister; and shall be subject to the provisions of the next following Regulation, and to any conditions notified to him in writing by the Minister.

(2) Any member of a council may, on the expiry of his term of office, if eligible, be reappointed.

(3) The Minister will appoint a member of each council to be chairman, and another member to be deputy-chairman, of that council.

Vacation of office.

2.—(1) A member of a council appointed in pursuance of paragraph (*a*) of subsection (2) of section seven of the Act, shall remain a member of that council only so long as he is a member of a local authority in the area.

(2) Where any member of a council:—

(*a*) is absent, unless for a reason approved by the Minister, from every meeting of that council during six consecutive months; or

(*b*) becomes in the opinion of the Minister unfit to continue as a member or incapable of performing his duties;

the Minister may declare the office of that member to be vacant; whereupon he shall cease to be a member of that council.

(3) The chairman, deputy-chairman and any member of a council may resign their respective appointments by one month's notice in writing given to the Minister.

Frequency and constitution of meetings.

3.—(1) Each council shall meet as often as may be necessary for the proper discharge of their duties; and the period between any two consecutive meetings shall not be longer than three months.

(2) Where members of a council numbering one half or more of the total number for the time being deliver to the secretary of the council a requisition in writing for a meeting, the chairman, or if the chairman is not available, the deputy-chairman, shall ensure that a meeting is held before the expiry of ten days from the delivery of the requisition.

(3) No meetings of a council shall be held unless either the chairman or the deputy-chairman is present:

Provided that if:—

(*a*) by reason of vacancy in the office, or of serious illness, neither of them is available; or

(*b*) a meeting is not held before the expiry of ten days from the delivery of a requisition;

the council may meet and pass provisional resolutions which shall have effect until the duly constituted meeting next after they were passed, and which may be ratified at that meeting.

(4) At any meeting of a council, one half of the total number for the time being of the members shall be a quorum.

(5) All acts done at any meeting of a council shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of a person purporting to be a member of the council, be valid as if that defect had not existed.

Voting.

4. Every resolution of a council shall be passed by the votes of the members of the council present and voting, or, in case of difference between them, of the majority of those members; and in the event of an equality of votes, the proposal in question shall be held to have been rejected.

Minutes.

5.—(1) Every council shall keep, or cause to be kept, minutes of their proceedings; and a record in any such minutes specifying the terms of a resolution passed at any meeting, and, in the case of a resolution that a representation be made to the Central Authority or the Minister, the number of votes cast for and against it, shall, if signed by the person purporting to be acting as chairman of the meeting to which the minutes relate, or of a meeting at which they were read, be evidence of those proceedings.

(2) A copy of any part of the minutes of the proceedings of any council shall, if purporting to be certified by the secretary of that council to be a true copy of that part of those minutes, be evidence of the proceedings of the council to which that part of the minutes relates.

(3) A meeting to which any such minutes as aforesaid relate shall, unless the contrary be proved, be deemed to have been regularly convened and constituted.

Representations and references.

6. Where any representation is made to a council by a consumer or other person requiring a supply of electricity in the area, or where any matter is referred to a council by the Area Board of the area, that council shall consider the matter in question as soon as practicable and, in any event, before the expiry of three months after the representation is made, or the matter referred, as the case may be.

Execution of documents.

7. Any document requiring to be executed by or on behalf of any council shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of that council, or by such one or more of the members and officers of the council as the council may in any particular case determine.

Interpretation.

8.—(1) In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say:—

" the Act " means the Electricity Act, 1947;

" a council " has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph (1) of Regulation one;

" the Minister " means the Minister of Fuel and Power.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

9. These Regulations shall come into operation on the third day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-eight; and may be cited as the Electricity (Consultative Council) (Areas) Regulations, 1948. Commencement and citation.

Dated this twenty-eighth day of April, 1948.

Hugh Gaitskell,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of these Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations regulate the chairmanship, terms of membership and proceedings of Consultative Councils in the areas for which Area Boards are established under the Electricity Act, 1947.

The Electricity (Consultative Council) (North of Scotland District) Regulations, 1948

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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 7 of the Electricity Act, 1947, and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following regulations:— 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 54.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Electricity (Consultative Council) (North of Scotland District) Regulations, 1948, and shall come into operation on the 11th day of May, 1948. Short title and commencement.

2.—(1) In these regulations— Interpretation.

" the Act " means the Electricity Act, 1947;

" the council " means the Consultative Council for the North of Scotland District established in terms of section 7 of the Act.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, and to any conditions which the Secretary of State may intimate in writing at the time of appointment members of the council shall be appointed for such term not exceeding five years as may be determined by the Secretary of State and notified by him in their respective appointments: Appointment and tenure of office.

Provided that on the expiration of the term for which he was appointed a member, if eligible, may be re-appointed.