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ELECTRICITY

Charges payable by the Northern Ireland Joint Electricity Authority for Electricity

REGULATIONS, DATED 18TH MAY 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE ELECTRICITY (SUPPLY) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 21(5) of the Electricity (Supply) Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Electricity Financial Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations:

"the Act" means the Electricity (Supply) Act (Northern Ireland) 1967;

"the Authority" means the Northern Ireland Joint Electricity Authority;

"the Board" means the Electricity Board for Northern Ireland;

"the Belfast Corporation" means the Corporation of the county borough of Belfast;

"the Londonderry Corporation" means the Corporation of the county borough of Londonderry and the Londonderry Development Commission or either of them as the case may require;

"the undertakers" means the Board and to the extent to which their functions relate to the supply of electricity, the Belfast Corporation and the Londonderry Corporation;

"period of account" means the period 1st July 1967 to 31st March 1968 and thereafter a year ending 31st March.

Determination of Expenditure by Undertakers

3. For the purposes of section 21 of the Act and subject thereto and to these Regulations, the expenditure which the Authority shall recoup to the undertakers in respect of each period of account shall be:—

(*a*) sums expended on the following items, being expenditure reasonably incurred by the undertakers in the exercise, in accordance with the directions of the Authority, of so much of their functions as relates to the generation of electricity and the transmission thereof by means of the main transmission system:

(i) fuel, oil, water and stores consumed;

(ii) salaries, wages, pension contributions, superannuation and insurance of officers and servants;

(iii) repairs and maintenance;

(a) 1967. c. 11 (N.I.).

(iv) rents, rates, taxes (other than taxes on profits) and insurances (other than of officers and servants);

(v) interest on working capital employed;

(vi) any other expenditure on revenue account;

(*b*) an allowance in respect of management and general establishment charges calculated on all the generating plant which is suitable to and used for the purpose of generating electricity, at the annual rate of two shillings and threepence per kilowatt of plant installed;

(*c*) such allowance in respect of management and general establishment charges attributable to the main transmission system as may be agreed upon between the Authority and the undertakers;

(*d*) expenses related to the borrowing, repayment and management of loans, calculated in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 6; and

(*e*) such sums representing interest and allowances for depreciation, being of the kinds referred to in section 21(3) of the Act, as may be determined in accordance with the principles as approved by the Ministry on 24th April 1970 or as may be subsequently approved.

4. The expenditure referred to in Regulation 3 shall be deemed to include, as appropriate, the items of expenditure referred to in section 21(4) of the Act and any sums included in respect of those items shall be distinguished and shown separately in any statement of the expenditure ascertained for the purposes of Regulation 3.

Rates of Interest

5. The references to interest in Regulation 3(*a*) and (*e*) are to interest calculated at the following rates:—

(*a*) in the case of interest to be recouped to the Board, the average rate of interest payable in respect of the period of account on all loans outstanding from time to time within that period and to the extent of the amounts standing from time to time to the credit of the reserve accounts of the Board when not invested the average rate of interest payable on temporary borrowings whether by bank overdraft or otherwise;

(*b*) in the case of interest to be recouped to the Belfast Corporation the average rate of the Loans Fund Scheme in respect of the period of account;

(*c*) in the case of interest to be recouped to the Londonderry Corporation the average rate of interest payable in respect of the period of account on outstanding loans raised for the purposes of the electricity undertaking.

Expenses in connection with Loans

6. The amount of expenses related to the borrowing, repayment and management of loans shall be the proportion of such expenses borne by the undertakers in each period of account attributable to generating stations and the main transmission system, as agreed between the Authority and the undertakers.

7. For the purposes of Regulation 6, statements of the amounts outstanding at 30th June 1967 of capital expenditure attributable to generating stations and the main transmission system shall be agreed between the Authority and each undertaker.

Time and Manner of Payment of Charges

8. The payments to be made by the Authority to the undertakers under these Regulations shall be made at such times and in such manner as may be agreed between the Authority and the undertakers, and where necessary the periodical payments shall include provisional amounts which shall be subject to adjustments when the actual expenditure has been ascertained.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 18th day of May 1970.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations prescribe the manner in which the expenditure of electricity undertakers is to be determined for the purposes of section 21(1) of the Electricity (Supply) Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.