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The South of Scotland Electricity Board (Audit) Regulations, 1955

Made - - - -	1*st April*, 1955
Coming into Operation	1*st April*, 1955

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 15 (2) of the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Act, 1943(**a**), as amended by Part I of the First Schedule to the Electricity Reorganisation (Scotland) Act, 1954(**b**), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the South of Scotland Electricity Board (Audit) Regulations, 1955, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1955.

2.—(1) In these Regulations the expression "the Board" means the South of Scotland Electricity Board.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**c**), applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The auditor shall have the right of access at all times to all books and accounts and vouchers of the Board and may require any member or officer of the Board to furnish such information and explanations as are necessary for the purposes of the audit.

4. The audit shall extend to the whole of the accounts of the Board and shall be made from time to time from the commencement of the period to which the accounts relate until its completion.

5. The auditor shall satisfy himself—

(*a*) that the expenditure of the Board has been properly incurred;

(*b*) that the income and expenditure of the Board are properly allocated among the various accounts;

(*c*) that all relevant statutory requirements have been complied with and in particular that

(1) any necessary approvals or sanctions have been obtained for any expenditure charges or appropriations and for any commitments entered into:

(2) all conditions relating to the borrowing of money, the creation of stock and the repayment of loans have been properly observed;

(*d*) that all sums receivable and payable are brought to account without delay;

(*e*) that any sums written off as irrecoverable or any compromise settlements or non-contractual payments have been authorised by the Board;

(*f*) that the Board have adopted a code of standing instructions to secure an adequate system of financial control and internal check and that the system is properly operated and observed by the members of the Board and their officers; and

(**a**) 6 & 7 Geo. 6. c. 32. (**b**) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 60. (**c**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(*g*) that all the assets of the Board are properly verified and that securities representing any investments are in order.

6. If the auditor is not satisfied with regard to any of the matters referred to in the immediately foregoing regulation, he shall make a report to the Board, and may, after ascertaining what action the Board propose to take thereon, transmit a copy to the Secretary of State.

7. The auditor shall make and submit to the Board an annual report on the accounts audited by him and on the balance sheet and revenue accounts of the Board and shall refer therein to the following matters—

(*a*) whether he has obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of his knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of his audit;

(*b*) whether, in his opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Board so far as appears from his examination of those books and proper returns adequate for the purposes of his audit have been received from the offices not visited by him;

(*c*) whether the Board's balance sheet, revenue accounts and all other statements of accounts dealt with by the report are in agreement with the books of account and returns;

(*d*) whether, in his opinion and to the best of his information and according to the explanations given him, the said accounts give a true and fair view—

(i) in the case of the balance sheet, of the state of the Board's affairs as at the end of its financial year;

(ii) in the case of the revenue accounts, of the Board's operations for the financial year.

8. The auditor shall, if required, attend any meeting of the Board at which any accounts which have been examined or reported on by him are to be laid before the Board and may make any statement or explanations he desires with respect to the accounts.

Dated this 1st day of April, 1955.

James Stuart,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

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Edinburgh.

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 audit of the accounts of the South of Scotland Electricity Board shall be conducted by the auditor and the matters with respect to the accounts, the accounting arrangements of the Board and the repayment of moneys borrowed by the Board upon which the auditor shall report.