5. SITTINGS

The Civil Business (Oxford and Reading) Order, 1949

1949 No. 1059 (L. 10)

Made - - - -	31*st May*, 1949
Coming into Operation	15*th June*, 1949

I, the Right Honourable Rayner Lord Goddard, Lord Chief Justice of England, in exercise of the powers vested in me by the Circuits (Civil Business) Order, 1947(a), and all other powers enabling me in this behalf, and with the sanction of the Lord Chancellor, do hereby order and direct as follows:—

1. Civil business generally shall be taken on the Autumn Circuit at Oxford and at Reading until further order.

2. This Order may be cited as the Civil Business (Oxford and Reading) Order, 1949, and shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of June, 1949.

Dated the 31st day of May, 1949.

Goddard, C.J.
Jowitt, C.

TELEGRAPHS

TELEPHONES

The Telephone Amendment (No. 5) Regulations, 1949

1949 No. 1126

Made - - - -	16*th June*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	21*st June*, 1949
Coming into Operation	28*th June*, 1949

I, The Right Honourable Wilfred Paling, M.P., His Majesty's Postmaster General, with the consent of the Treasury, by virtue of the powers vested in me by section 2 of the Telegraph Act, 1885(b) and of all other powers enabling me in this behalf, do hereby make the following Regulations, that is to say:—

Regulations to be read with the existing Regulations

1. These Regulations shall be read as one with the Telephone Regulations 1936(c) (hereinafter called "the principal Regulations") and all Regulations amending the same and shall replace Regulation 2 of the Telephone Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1943(d).

(a) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 195) I, p. 2008.
(b) 48 & 49 Vict. c. 58.
(c) S.R. & O. 1936 (No. 173) II, p. 3470.
(d) S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 681) I, p. 962.

Inland Call Charges

2.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations there shall be charged and paid for each period of three minutes or part thereof in respect of each call connected, not being a call over a foreign telephone line, such sum as may be prescribed from time to time not exceeding the sum specified in the following table according to the description of the call and the line upon which it originates or the place from which it is made as stated in the headings to the columns of the said table :—

TABLE

Column 1 Description	Column 2 For a call originating upon a subscriber's line other than a coin box line	Column 3 For a call originating upon a coin box line	Column 4 For a call by a caller from a call office
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1. If the call is to the exchange with which the calling subscriber or caller is connected	– 1½	– 1¾	– 2
2. If the call is to another exchange and the distance between the two exchanges connected for the purpose of the call:—			
(*a*) does not exceed 5 miles	– 1½	– 1¾	– 2
(*b*) exceeds 5 miles but does not exceed 7½ miles	– 3	– 3½	– 4
(*c*) exceeds 7½ miles but does not exceed 12½ miles	– 4½	– 5¼	– 6
(*d*) exceeds 12½ miles but does not exceed 15 miles	– 6	– 7	7d. if the call is made before 1st July, 1949, 8d. if the call is made on or after that date.
(*e*) exceeds 15 miles but does not exceed 20 miles	– 10	– 11	1 0
(*f*) exceeds 20 miles but does not exceed 25 miles	1 2	1 3	1 4
(*g*) exceeds 25 miles but does not exceed 35 miles	1 6	1 7	1 8
(*h*) exceeds 35 miles but does not exceed 50 miles	1 10	1 11	2 0
(*i*) exceeds 50 miles but does not exceed 75 miles	2 3	2 4	2 5
(*j*) exceeds 75 miles but does not exceed 125 miles	3 0	3 1	3 2
(*k*) exceeds 125 miles	3 9	3 10	3 11

The distance between two exchanges shall be computed from such points and in such manner as shall be prescribed whether in relation to particular exchange systems or generally.

All arrangements for reckoning the commencement, duration and termination of telephonic conversations shall be under the charge of the Postmaster General and his decision thereon shall be final.

Provided that:—

(*a*) if the subscriber's line is provided at the business (small user) rate, the subscriber shall pay, in respect of each local call, an additional charge calculated at the rate of 50 per cent. of the charge otherwise payable for such call but the total of such additional charges shall not exceed six shillings and elevenpence in any quarter or two shillings and fourpence in any month (as the case may be);

(*b*) the charges for calls of any description may be varied during such hours or during holiday seasons or on other special occasions, as may be prescribed, so however that the charges made do not exceed those specified above;

(*c*) the charges for local calls over the lines of any class of subscribers up to a prescribed maximum sum during a quarter of a year or for any other prescribed period, may be remitted;

(*d*) the charges to subscribers for local calls may be aggregated and included in the accounts as a single item.

(2) Any provision (however worded) in an Agreement relating to a coin box line whereby the subscriber is required to pay a special charge for a call (that is to say, a charge in addition to or higher than the charge otherwise payable for a call over a subscriber's line) shall cease to have effect.

(3) Regulation 2 of the Telephone Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1943(**a**) (specifying charges for inland calls) is hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these Regulations—

(*a*) the expression "local call" means a call to the Exchange with which the calling subscriber is connected or a call to another Exchange where the distance between the two Exchanges connected for the purpose of the call does not exceed 15 miles, computed as described in the table in paragraph (1) of regulation 2 of these Regulations;

(*b*) the expression "coin box line" means a subscriber's line in respect of calls from which the Postmaster General requires sums of money to be placed in a coin collecting box.

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

Commencement

4. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 28th day of June, 1949.

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 681) I, p. 962.
(**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Short Title

5. These Regulations may be cited as " The Telephone Amendment (No. 5) Regulations, 1949 ".

Dated this 16th day of June, 1949.

Wilfred Paling,
His Majesty's Postmaster General.

We hereby consent to the Regulations herein set forth.

Wm. Hannan,
Joseph Henderson,
Two of the Commissioners of
His Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Telephone Regulations 1936 (as modified by later Regulations) to give effect to the Budget proposals in so far as they relate to the charges for telephone calls. The revised charges are set out in the Table in Regulation 2 (1).

As respects local calls in column 2 (i.e. calls of the descriptions down to that lettered (*d*) in column 1) the new charges are an increase of 50 per cent. on those existing at the beginning of 1940 as compared with the increase of 15 per cent. which was imposed on 1st May 1940 and has been payable since that date. The charges for calls for longer distances are not altered.

For charges from call offices (column 4 of the Table) the only change is an increase of one penny in the charge for a call of the description lettered (*d*) made on or after 1st July 1949.

For subscribers having a coin box line (as defined in Regulation 3) there is an increase in the call charge rates but the special charge in relation to calls payable under their Agreements will cease (Regulation 2 (2)). The difference in call charge payable by a subscriber if he has a coin box line (i.e. the amount by which each sum in column 3 exceeds the corresponding sum in column 2) will be in every case equal to or less than the special charge which will cease.