

ELECTRICITY (OUT ISLANDS) RULES
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This is to certify that a licence to carry out.....
electrical installations
 with the.....
 area of supply OR in respect of.....
 only has been
 issued by the Minister of.....
 to
 for the year commencing 1st January, 20.....

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 Permanent Secretary

S.I. 76/1965
 S.I. 29/1966
 S.I. 29/1970
 S.I. 40/1970
 S.I. 73/1973
 S.I. 4/1974
 S.I. 30/1974
 S.I. 56/1976
 S.I. 68/1977
 S.I. 14/1979
 S.I. 62/1979
 S.I. 92/1979
 S.I. 41/1980
 S.I. 59/1982
 S.I. 32/1985
 S.I. 39/1985
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THE BAHAMAS ELECTRICITY CORPORATION
REGULATIONS

(SECTION 60)

[Commencement 27th March, 1965]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Bahamas Electricity Corporation Regulations.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“contractor” means an electrical contractor holding a general licence issued under the Rules;

“Corporation” means the Bahamas Electricity Corporation;

“Electrical Code” means Part I of the Canadian Electrical Code of the Canadian Standards Association for the time being in force and as amended from time to time;

“electrician” means a person holding a restricted licence issued under the Rules;

Interpretation.
 S.I. 14/1979.

“Rules” means the Electricity (New Providence) Rules or any amendment of such Rules for the time being in force;

“unit” means a unit of electrical energy equal to one kilowatt hour.

3. Electricity shall be supplied within the area of supply to all applicants for the same who agree to pay prescribed rates and charges and who agree to comply with the terms and conditions fixed by the Corporation. Supply.

4. (1) (a) Overhead services within sixty feet of existing and available overhead power lines shall be provided free of charge. Applications for overhead services or extensions beyond sixty feet of existing and available mains shall be considered in relation to one of the categories described in subparagraph (i) or (ii) of this paragraph — Extensions and services.

(i) where the extension is required to pass entirely over private property, the applicant or applicants shall provide the whole of the cost of the extension excepting the first sixty feet;

(ii) where an applicant or number of applicants require an extension along public roadways and the anticipated revenue is estimated by the Corporation to provide an adequate return on capital outlay, the Corporation may provide a part or all of the cost of the extension, subject to the availability of the Corporation’s capital for this purpose.

(b) Where underground services are required, the applicant shall provide the entire cost of the service.

(2) All services and extensions shall be constructed by the Corporation, except where the Corporation deems it necessary for such work to be performed under contract to the Corporation. Where it is decided by the Corporation to construct an overhead service the consumer shall be required to provide an approved conduit outlet between the overhead service and his meter board, the position of which shall be determined in all cases by the Corporation:

Provided that if the consumer requests the Corporation to place the service in another position and no technical objection exists to the alternative position, the

service may be so installed if the whole of the additional cost is borne by the consumer.

(3) Normal maintenance of services and extensions installed under these Regulations shall be carried out by the Corporation except that repairs arising from wilful damage or gross negligence by third parties shall not be undertaken at the Corporation's expense. Ownership up to the consumer's terminals of all services installed under these Regulations shall be vested in the Corporation.

(4) The Corporation shall have the right to connect any subsequent consumer or consumers to any extension or service installed under these Regulations where this can be effected without any impairment to the supply. Where the Corporation's mains are extended at the expense of an individual consumer for his own personal use and such extension is subsequently used to supply an additional consumer, the Corporation will refund to the original consumer one-half of the amount paid by him for the service and extension, provided that the new connection is made within a period of five years from the date of the original installation. No further refund will be paid in respect of any other additional connections made.

S.I. 3/1988.

Where the Corporation extends its distribution system at its own expense, the Corporation may make a *pro rata* charge to each consumer connecting to the extension whether or not the mains are existing at the time of the application.

(5) It shall be the consumer's responsibility to keep trees and other similar growth on his property clear of overhead service conductors supplying his premises and where a consumer fails in the opinion of the Corporation adequately to clear such services, the Corporation shall have the right to enter upon the consumer's property to effect such clearance at the consumer's expense or disconnect such services from the mains.

(6) A consumer shall not interfere with the main fuses or meter and he shall be responsible for any damage resulting from unauthorised interference with this equipment.

(7) The Corporation shall be responsible up to and including main fuses only.

(8) When by reason of a consumer's request the Corporation is required to replace a consumer's fuses a charge of two dollars and fifty cents for services in connection therewith shall be made. The Corporation reserves the right to refuse to attend private calls not the responsibility of the Corporation and not of an urgent nature. *S.I. 40/1970, r. 3.*

(9) A charge of five dollars may be made by the Corporation for — *S.I. 32/1985, r. 3.*

(a) the taking of a special meter reading at the request of the consumer;

(b) turning on or turning off the supply of electricity. *S.I. 40/1976, r. 3.*

5. (1) Application for the supply of electricity shall be made in writing on the Corporation's prescribed Application for Supply Form, set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations. Applications shall be made in respect of either — *Application for supply of electricity.*

(a) new installations;

(b) existing installations; or

(c) additions or modifications to existing installations excepting additions not exceeding 15 ampères per line. *S.I. 29/1966.*

(2) (a) A specification in duplicate of the proposed installation shall be submitted to the Corporation for approval on the prescribed form which shall be supplied by the Corporation on payment of twenty-five cents. If the specification is approved the duplicate copy thereof shall be returned to the contractor or electrician who may then proceed with the installation. Thereafter the contractor or electrician shall be responsible for completing the installation in accordance with the specification and these Regulations. *S.I. 40/1970.*

(b) On completion of the installation the contractor or electrician shall submit a test notice requesting inspection by the Corporation.

(c) Application for supply of electricity shall be made by the owner or occupant of the premises in respect of which the installation has been completed. Connection to provide a supply of electricity shall in all cases be subject to the acceptance by the Corporation of the installation and to the completion of a Supply Agreement between the applicant and the Corporation. The Corporation may, at its discretion, require the applicant to pay a deposit not

exceeding the estimated cost of one quarter's consumption as estimated by the Corporation, together with a sum to cover the proper care and maintenance of meters and other fixtures installed by the Corporation on the consumer's property, before connection providing electricity be made.

(3) Application for supply of electricity in respect of premises which have previously been connected shall be made in the prescribed manner:

Provided however that the installation in such premises has been carried out in accordance with these Regulations and that such installation shall not have deteriorated beyond the limits considered safe by the Corporation:

Provided further that paragraph (2)(c) of this Regulation shall also apply to such existing installations.

S.I. 29/1966, r. 2.

(4) Additions to existing installations shall be treated as new installations except that in the case of additions not exceeding 15 ampères per line, Specifications, Test Notices and Applications for Supply are not required but the contractor or electrician shall notify the Corporation of such additions using the prescribed Notification of Addition to Existing Electrical Installation Form set out in the Third Schedule to these Regulations.

(5) A supply of electricity will be provided if possible within forty-eight hours after an application properly made in accordance with the above provisions has been received by the Corporation. In special or urgent circumstances, the Corporation will use its best endeavours to meet the requirements of the applicant.

Rates and charges.

Second Schedule

*S.I. 40/1970, r. 4;
S.I. 4/1974, r. 2.*

6. The rates and charges for electricity supplied by the Corporation shall be those set forth in Part A of the tariff contained in the Second Schedule to these Regulations as modified by the surcharge provisions of Part B of that Schedule.

Measurement and assessment of charges for electricity supplied.

7. (1) Electricity supplied to a consumer shall be measured by means of a meter or meters supplied and fixed by the Corporation.

(2) The registration of all meters shall be *prima facie* evidence of the energy consumed provided, however, that in special circumstances and with the approval of the Corporation metering may be dispensed with and the amount and/or value of energy consumed may be assessed in accordance with the published tariffs.

(3) If a meter for any reason ceases, omits or otherwise fails to register the amount of electrical energy consumed, a consumer shall pay in respect of such energy supplied a reasonable sum in respect of any such period (not exceeding three months) of meter failure, based on the amount of the consumption of such consumer ascertained by comparison with similar periods.

(4) If a consumer disputes the readings of a meter he may, on giving forty-eight hours notice in writing secure a test of the meter by the Corporation. If such test be made and the mean inaccuracy be found to be greater than 2½ per centum, the expense of such testing shall be defrayed by the Corporation and the account of the consumer shall be amended to correct the inaccuracy so determined and in relation only to the month or quarter (according to whether the consumer is billed monthly or quarterly) in which the accuracy of the meter is disputed.

If the mean inaccuracy of the meter be less than two and one-half per centum, a consumer who shall have disputed its accuracy shall be required to pay a fee of not less than ten dollars to defray the testing expenses incurred. For the purpose of this Regulation “mean inaccuracy” means the average error of the meter, the accuracy of which is in dispute, observed at one-quarter, one-half, three-quarters and at full load.

S.I. 32/1985, r. 4.

(5) A consumer may challenge his fixed charge assessment by giving forty-eight hours notice in writing. If upon verification by the Corporation such fixed charge is found to be correct, the consumer will be liable to a fee of not less than ten dollars. The Corporation shall not be responsible for excess consumption of electrical energy resulting from faulty installation, or waste or other similar neglect on the part of the consumer. The Corporation may at a consumer’s request and subject to payment by such consumer of the charge incurred therefor, assist such consumer’s licensed contractor duly instructed by such consumer in the carrying out of the tests necessary to ascertain the reason for any excess consumption of electrical energy.

S.I. 32/1985, r. 4.

8. (1) Accounts for electricity consumed and for other charges due to the Corporation, shall be rendered monthly or quarterly as the Corporation may direct.

Accounts.

(2) Accounts shall be due for payment within twenty-one days from the date of issue after which time they shall be deemed to be in arrears.

(3) Acceptance by the post office of a consumer's account or other documents addressed to a consumer if sufficiently addressed shall be deemed to be service upon the consumer, provided that such account shall not have been returned by the post office after a reasonable period.

(4) When a consumer's account is in arrears the electricity supply may be disconnected without further notice and may only be reconnected when all amounts due to the Corporation have been paid, together with a reconnection fee of twenty dollars:

S.I. 32/1985, r. 5.

Provided that where an employee of the Corporation makes a visit to the premises of the consumer for the purpose of effecting such a disconnection by reason of such arrears but the disconnection is not carried out and all the arrears are then paid to the employee, there shall be payable by the consumer to the Corporation a fee of ten dollars in the case of a residential consumer, or the fee of fifteen dollars in the case of a commercial consumer.

(5) When a consumer or his agent assumes responsibility for the energy consumed in one or more premises, all such premises shall be liable for disconnection when the account for electricity supplied to any one of the premises is in arrears.

(6) Money due to the Corporation shall be recoverable by ordinary process of the courts.

Access to premises.

9. A consumer shall give to duly appointed employees of the Corporation access to his premises between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. when necessary and in an emergency at all times, for the purpose of inspecting and/or reading the meter or for any other purpose connected with the supply of electricity.

Vacation of premises.

10. A consumer shall give three days' notice in writing before vacating any premises in order to permit the electricity meter to be read and accounts rendered. Where a consumer fails to comply with this regulation he shall be liable for payment for all electricity consumed subsequent to the last regular readings.

11. The Corporation may discontinue the supply of electricity at any time for the purpose of repairs, tests, or any other essential work and when possible will advise consumers in the area or areas affected by the publication of a notice.

Disconnection of supply.

FIRST SCHEDULE (Regulation 5(1))

No.....

SPECIFICATION OF PROPOSED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

- (A) Property OwnerAddress
Architect or AgentAddress.....
Location of Building, etc
Total Floor Area sq. ft.
Type of Occupancy: ResidentialCommercial
Industrial
(B) Supply Required: Overhead.....Underground.....
2-wire..... 3-wire..... 4-
wire.....
Proposed Wiring System..... Size of Main Switch.....
Number of Circuits.....
(C) (a) Lighting kW
(b) Water Heating kW
(c) Space Heating kW
(d) Range(s) kW
(e) A/C Motors H.P., Phase
H.P., Phase
H.P., Phase
H.P., Phase
(f) Other Motors or Loads
(D) Approximate date it is proposed to commence work.....
Approximate date ready for mechanical inspection
Approximate date ready for final test
The Contractor/Electrician will be present at..... to
make a site inspection with a B.E.C. Representative on the
.....at..... (Appointment to be
arranged by mutual agreement).

(Sgd.).....
Owner/Agent

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Licensed Contractor/Electrician

(E) The above specification is approved subject to the
following amendment, etc

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The Corporation's service will terminate.....
and you are requested to arrange for your main switch
to be placed.....

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Date.....

(Sgd.).....
Bahamas Electricity Corporation.

SECOND SCHEDULE (REGULATION 6)*S.I. 83/2010***PART A
BASIC RATES AND CHARGES**

Applicable to New Providence, including Paradise Island and Designated Family Islands or part of the Family Island

TARIFF “A” – RESIDENTIAL

Applicable solely to single phase services to residential customers for domestic purposes (lighting, cooking, heating, refrigeration, air-conditioning, etcetera) in private residences and individually metered dwelling units of multiple family buildings²:

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| (a) For each unit up to 200 units per month | \$10.95 |
| (b) For each unit in excess of 200 units per month and up to 800 units per month | \$11.95 |
| (c) For each unit in excess of 800 units per month | \$14.95 |
| (d) Minimum charge per month | \$5.00 |

TARIFF “B” – COMMERCIAL

Applicable to the provision of lighting, power and other purposes for commercial, industrial, institutional, and other services inclusive of churches, open air cinemas and lit sports arenas but exclusive of residential usage:

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| (a) All units per month | \$15.00 |
| (b) Minimum charge per month | \$10.00 |

TARIFF “C” – GENERAL SERVICE

Applicable to the provision of lighting, power and other purposes for commercial, industrial, institutional, and other services inclusive of churches, open air cinemas and lit sports arenas but exclusive of residential usage based on the current month's maximum kVA or highest kVA during the prior six month period or 50 kVA, whichever is greater:

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| (a) 0-900,000 units per month | \$8.70 |
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² This service may not be used for any other purpose.

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| (b) Remaining units per month | \$6.20 |
| (c) Demand charge per kVA per month | \$11.36 |
| (d) Minimum charge per month kVA demand | \$568.00 |

TARIFF “D” – TEMPORARY SERVICE

Applicable to services required for short periods such as for construction projects, fairs, bazaars, etcetera, not connected to any permanent electrical installation:

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| (a) Connection fee | \$20.00 |
| (b) Meter rental fee per month | \$10.00 |
| (c) All units per month | \$16.38 |
| (d) Minimum charge per month | \$10.00 |

PART B

FUEL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE

- (a) The fuel adjustment charge shall be applicable to each of the basic rates set forth in PART A of this Schedule and shall be a monthly amount per kilowatt-hour representing the total cost of fuel required to produce and deliver each kilowatt-hour electricity to consumers.
- (b) The fuel adjustment charge shall be the total cost of fuel consumed in the previous month’s billing period divided by the total amount of units billed for that corresponding period.
- (c) A ‘True Up’ adjustment shall be made to the fuel adjustment charge on a monthly basis to remediate any adjustments as may be necessary to the billing and/or fuel costs which adjustment shall be recovered in the billing period immediately following such adjustment. The total of any adjustment to be made shall be pro-rated over the ensuing period of time, which period of time shall not be less than that of the occurrence of such adjustment.

PART C
OTHER CHARGES**STREETLIGHTS, PARKLIGHTS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS**

- (a) Streetlights: The imbedded fuel charge shall be the average fuel charge of the preceding fiscal year:
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| (i) | 80 watt (MV, HPS, etcetera) per month | \$13.20 |
| (ii) | 100 watt (MV, HPS, etcetera) per month | \$15.14 |
| (iii) | 250 watt (MV, HPS, etcetera) per month | \$29.72 |
| (iv) | 400 watt (MV, HPS, etcetera) per month | \$44.30 |
- (b) Unmetered Parklights: The imbedded fuel charge shall be the average fuel charge of the preceding fiscal year: 1000 watt (MV, HPS, Metal Halide, etcetera) per month \$108.50
- (c) Metered Parklights: No energy or fuel charges apply; only capital recovery and maintenance charges apply: 1000 watt (MV, HPS, Metal Halide, etcetera) per month \$11.30
- (d) Traffic Signals: Energy to be charged at the same rate as for Commercial services; tariff to be determined.

SPECIAL SERVICES

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| (a) | Special Reading, Check Reading, Fuse Replacement | \$5.00 |
| (b) | Meter Test - Minimum charge | \$10.00 |
| (c) | Visit with intent to disconnect - Residential | \$10.00 |
| (d) | Visit with intent to disconnect - Commercial | \$15.00 |
| (e) | Reconnection Fee | \$20.00 |