

SUPPLEMENT NO. 3

Legal Notice No. 14

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI
PUBLIC UTILITIES ORDINANCE
(No 5 of 1977)

ELECTRICITY REGULATIONS 1981

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 35 of the Public Utilities Ordinance, the Beretitenti, acting in accordance with the advice of the Cabinet given after consultation by the Minister for Communications and Works with Public Utilities Board, makes the following regulations -

1(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Electricity Regulations 1981.

Short title.

(2) These Regulations apply in all electricity supply areas.

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

Interpretation

"approved contractor" means a firm, company or person approved by the Board under regulation 12;

"electrical installation" includes all electrical wires, fittings, devices, appurtenances and attachments erected or maintained on or about a consumer's premises for the distribution and use of electricity;

"Force majeure" means any occurrence or circumstance beyond the control of the Board or a strike, lock-out of workmen or other industrial dispute or a shortage or failure of supply of fuel or any other essential material.

3(1) Any person who desires to be supplied with electricity shall deliver to the Board an application on the form supplied by the Board for that purpose, and shall, if so required by the Board either on application or at any other time, deposit and maintain from time to time with the Board a sum estimated by the Board to be sufficient to secure all charges likely to be incurred by the applicant for or incidental to the supply of electricity to him for one month.

Application for supply.

(2) The Board may deduct from such deposit any amount from time to time owing by the consumer to the Board for or in connection with the supply of electricity.

Fixing and altering miscellaneous charges.

4. After consultation with the Minister the Board may from time to time fix and alter the charges for meters and other electrical apparatus hired to consumers by the Board for the connection or re-connection of a consumer's electrical installation to the mains supply and for the extension of the mains supply to connect with a consumer's electrical installation.

Installation of coin meters.

5(1) The Board may in its discretion connect to the electrical installation of any consumer a coin meter for the purposes of paying for electricity supplied to such consumer.

(2) Payment for electricity supplied to a consumer through a coin meter, shall be made by inserting into such meter coins of the denomination and at the rate fixed from time to time by the Board under regulation 4.

(3) All coins inserted into any coin meter shall thereupon become the property of the Board.

Board may refuse to supply electricity.

6. The Board may refuse to supply electricity, or may discontinue the supply thereof -

- (a) to any premises which in the opinion of the Board are not suitably constructed or are unsound; or
- (b) where in the opinion of the Board such supply might endanger the supply of electricity to, or the safety of, other buildings on the same circuit, or the safety of such circuit, or cause interference with the works, or
- (c) to any consumer who without prior notice or application installs or connects or causes to be installed or connected by any person, other than an approved contractor, any electrical installation or wiring:

Provided that an appliance which is designed and constructed to be connected to the electricity supply by means of a plug and to be affixed to an existing socket installed on the premises may be installed or connected by any person; or

- (d) to any consumer who uses the supply in such a manner as to interfere with the efficiency of supply to other consumers; or
- (e) to any consumer who refuses entry at reasonable hours to any person authorised in writing by the Board to inspect, test, adjust, read or remove any meter of the consumer's installation or any electrical installation which is the property of the Board or to collect and remove any coins from a coin meter connected to the consumer's installation; or
- (f) to any consumer who defaults in paying any sum due to the Board whether for electricity supply, meter rental or otherwise within one calendar month of the date of issue of the account requiring payment of that sum; or

- (g) to any consumer whose service lines, installation or apparatus fail to comply with the standards required by the Board; or
- (h) to any consumer who interferes with or damages any apparatus belonging to the Board; or
- (i) where it is necessary to inspect, repair or test any electrical installation or work; or
- (j) where supply of electricity would necessitate any alteration or addition to, or extension of the Board's mains; or
- (k) where in the opinion of the Board, insufficient generating capacity is available.

7. The Board shall not be liable in any circumstances whatsoever for any loss, injury or damage arising out of or in connection with any interruption in or failure of the supply of electricity or the provision of services or apparatus, necessary for or ancillary to the supply of electricity as a result or consequence of actual or anticipated Force Majeure.

Force majeure.

8. Charges for electricity supplied and services and apparatus provided for and in connection with the supply of electricity shall be due and payable within one month ~~of the date of an account thereof rendered by the Board~~ and if any consumer fails to pay such charges by the due date he shall be liable to pay additionally interest on such charges at the rate of 10 per centum per annum to be computed from the due date and the Board may cause the supply of electricity to be cut off from and not renewed to such consumer unless and until he pays the said charges together with such interest thereon and applies for a supply of electricity in the manner hereinbefore provided and pays any prescribed re-connection fee.

Liability for payment

9(1) The register of any meter provided and fixed by the Board on a consumer's premises shall be prima facie evidence of the amount of electricity supplied to such premises. Should the consumer dispute the accuracy of a meter, he may apply to the Board to have the meter tested or re-read.

Accuracy of meter.

(2) All tests on meters shall be conducted by the Board after payment by the consumer of a fee of \$2.50 to be reimbursed by the Board in the event of the test showing the meter to be inaccurate. The test of any meter shall be such as to show the errors in any registration for values of load up to the maximum rating of the meter.

(3) If the maximum error so found by the test exceeds two and one-half per centum at unity power factor of the correct quantity the mean error shall be determined by the Board, and this shall be used to correct the amount of electricity registered by the meter and disputed by the consumer and the consumer shall be charged with or credited with, as the case may require, the sum chargeable in respect of the amount of such excess or deficiency. In no case shall the period for which adjustments are made exceed a period of three months immediately preceding the date on which the consumer first disputed the accuracy of the meter.

(g) Should any meter cease to register, or be found to register so incorrectly that in the opinion of the Board the error cannot be determined with reasonable accuracy, then the Board shall make a fair and reasonable assessment of the charge to be paid. This shall be in respect of a period not exceeding three months prior to the date on which the registration of the meter was disputed or the date on which the meter was found to be defective, whichever was the earlier date.

Electrical
Installations

10(1) (a) Wiring methods and workmanship of any electrical installation or of any alteration of the same shall conform to the requirements of the Wiring Rules, Part I, of the Standards Association of Australia, as amended from time to time.

(b) Specifications for wire, cable, material, fittings, apparatus or appliances shall conform to the Wiring Rules, Part II, of the Standards Association of Australia, or to British Standard Specifications.

(2) The Board may arrange for periodical inspections to be made of all electrical installations and appliances upon any consumer's premises.

(3) Every electrical installation shall be maintained by the consumer to comply with these Regulations.

(4) No person shall connect, and no consumer shall permit to be or to remain connected to any electrical installation, any wires, cable, fittings, apparatus, appliances or accessories which are declared to be unsafe by the Board.

(5) No person shall connect any lamp, appliance, apparatus or device consuming more than 200 watts to any bayonet-cap lampholder.

Licensing
of electricians.

11(1) No person shall supervise the work of running, laying, fixing or installing of wires, materials or apparatus for conveying, transmitting, controlling or using electricity supplied or to be supplied by the Board unless he is the rightful holder of a valid electrician's "A" licence granted by the Board under the provisions of these Regulations.

(2) No person shall carry out the work of running, laying, fixing or installing of wires, materials or apparatus for conveying, transmitting, controlling or using electricity supplied or to be supplied by the Board unless, not being the holder of an "A" licence, he is the rightful holder of a valid electrician's "B" licence granted by the Board under the provisions of these Regulations.

(3) Any person desirous of obtaining from the Board an electrician's licence shall apply to the Board in writing, stating whether he is applying for an "A" or a "B" licence, and setting forth his qualifications and experience. The Board, provided it is satisfied that the applicant has the necessary qualifications and experience, which may be determined by such tests or examinations as the Board may think fit, may issue the applicant with the appropriate licence, which shall be in the form prescribed in the

Schedule hereto. Such licences shall be purely personal and shall be valid for life, or until rescinded in the Board's discretion:

Schedule

Provided that the Board may in its discretion issue the applicant with an interim licence, either "A" or "B", in the form prescribed in the Schedule hereto which shall be valid for the period stated thereon.

Schedule

(4) Officers and servants of the Board are exempt from the requirements of this regulation.

12(1) No person shall contract to run, lay, fix or install any wires, materials or apparatus for conveying, transmitting, controlling or using electricity unless he is an approved contractor.

Approved contractor.

(2) Any person who wishes to be an approved contractor for the purpose of these Regulations shall make application for approval to the Board and shall furnish all particulars which the Board may require. The Board may in its discretion approve the contractor either generally or for a particular contract or refuse to approve him.

13(1) Before commencing to run, lay, fix or install wire, materials or apparatus for conveying, transmitting, controlling or using electricity supplied or to be supplied by the Board, the approved contractor undertaking the work shall lodge with the Board a notice in writing stating ~~the full particulars of the work to be done and apparatus to be connected and the premises in which the work will be executed, together with such plans and drawings as the Board may require.~~

Notice by approved contractor.

(2) On the completion of any work on any electrical installation the approved contractor responsible for the work shall lodge with the Board a notice in writing, signed by such approved contractor and giving particulars of the number of lighting outlets, power outlets, motors and other apparatus installed, and any other particulars of the work done which the Board may require.

14(1) No electrical installation other than an appliance of the type described in the proviso to regulation 6(c) shall be connected to the Board's electricity supply system until it has been inspected and tested by a person authorised by the Board to ensure that it complies with the requirements of these Regulations.

Inspection and testing of electrical installation.

(2) No charge will be made for the first inspection and test of work done by an approved contractor, but if it should be found that the work does not comply with the requirements of these Regulations, a fee of one dollar shall be paid to the Board by the approved contractor concerned for each and every subsequent inspection and test.

(3) Any inspection and test is made for the protection of the Board's supply system, and the connection of any work does not imply that it has been done in the best possible manner, and the Board shall not be responsible should a defect subsequently be revealed in the installation.

15. Under special circumstances, notwithstanding the provisions of these Regulations, the Board may permit the connection of an electrical installation although one or

Temporary supply.

more of the requirements of these Regulations have not been satisfied, provided that no such permission shall be granted unless the installation in the opinion of the Board be reasonably free of electrical hazard for a limited time. Such permission shall be for a period not exceeding three months.

Meters and meter board.

16(1) Subject to the provisions of any special agreement the Board shall supply and install one or more meters on the premises of each consumer, which the Board may require to be housed in an approved fireproof meter box to be provided by the applicant for the supply concerned. A meter shall be installed in a position determined by the Board, who in installing a coin meter shall take account of the convenience of the consumer in determining such position, and such meter shall be accessible to the Board's officers at all times.

(2) The Board shall affix to a building or structure in which electrical equipment is to be installed, a card marking the point of entry of the service wires. The mains entry box shall be installed at this point. The Board shall provide and install fuses between the supply mains and the point of entry of the service wires to the consumer's premises. The service line will be provided and installed free to a maximum length of 30 metres from the nearest supply mains. The cost of any additional length of service line which the Board considers necessary shall be borne by the applicant concerned.

(3) Equipment provided and fixed by the Board shall remain the property of the Board. A consumer shall not in any way interfere with such equipment, but shall at all times report to the Board any observed or apparent defects therein.

Mains switchboard.

17. A switchboard shall be of a type approved by the Board. The arrangement of wiring, accessories and instruments on a switchboard likewise shall be approved by the Board.

Motors and other apparatus.

18(1) The starting current of electric motors shall be kept within such limits as the Board may require.

(2) The Board shall have the right to compel a consumer to improve his power factor to 0.8 lag at its discretion.

SCHEDULE
ELECTRICITY REGULATIONS
(Regulation 11)
ELECTRICIAN'S "A" LICENCE

No.....

This licence entitles
of
to supervise or carry out electrical work subject to the provisions of the Public Utilities Ordinance and the Electricity Regulations.

Dated this day of 19.....

Board

Signature of Electrician:

ELECTRICITY REGULATIONS
(Regulation 11)

ELECTRICIAN'S INTERIM "A" LICENCE

No.

This licence entitles
of
to supervise or carry out electrical work subject to the
provisions of the Public Utilities Ordinance and the
Electricity Regulations during the period from
to inclusive.

Dated this day of 19.....

Board

Signature of Electrician:
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ELECTRICITY REGULATIONS
(Regulation 11)

ELECTRICIAN'S "B" LICENCE

No.

This licence entitles
of
to carry out electrical work subject to the provisions of
the Public Utilities Ordinance and the Electricity
Regulations.

Dated this day of 19.....

Board

Signature of Electrician:
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ELECTRICITY REGULATIONS
(Regulation 11)

ELECTRICIAN'S INTERIM "B" LICENCE

No.

This licence entitles
of
to carry out electrical work subject to the provisions of
the Public Utilities Ordinance and the Electricity Regula-
tions during the period from
to inclusive.

Board

Signature of Electrician:
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Dated this 9th day of March, 1981.

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Beretitenti this 11th day of March, 1981.

M. E. TERUBEA
for Secretary to the Cabinet

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI
PRICES ORDINANCE, 1976

PRICES REGULATION (NO. 1) OF 1981

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3(1) of the Prices Ordinance 1976, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Labour hereby makes the following order:-

Short title
and commence-
ment.

1. This order may be cited as the Prices Regulation Order (No. 1) of 1981 and shall come into operation on 17th March, 1981.

Amendment of
Part 1 of the
schedule to
the Prices
Regulation
Order (No.6)
of 1980.

2. Part 1 of the schedule to the Prices Regulation Order (No. 6) of 1980 and any amendment thereof shall be deleted and replaced as below:-

PART I

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Prices</u>
Flour	0.28c per lb
Rice (excluding prepacked rice not exceeding 2 kgms in weight)	0.35c per lb
Twist tobacco	0.33c per stick
Raw Sugar	0.28c per lb
White Sugar	0.61c per lb
Ox & Palm Corned Beef	\$1.68 per 12 oz tin
Ox & Palm Corned Beef (with cereal)	1.22 per 12 oz tin
<u>Bar Soap</u>	
500 gms (PALM brands)	0.72c per bar
500 gms (other brands)	0.62c per bar
600 gms (Waratah & Anchor)	0.89c per bar
600 gms (other brands)	0.74 per bar
<u>Kerosene</u>	
Makin - Abemama	\$2.63 per gallon
Nonouti - Arorae	2.74 per gallon
North Tarawa	2.54 per gallon
South Tarawa	2.02 per gallon

Dated this 17th day of March, 1981.

HON. IEREMIA T. TABAI
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for Secretary to the Cabine