ELECTRICITY (OUT ISLANDS) RULES

S.I. 46/1970

(SECTION 58)

[Commencement: See rule 1(3)]

Title, application and commencement.

1. (1) These Rules may be cited as the Electricity (Out Islands) Rules.

(2) These Rules shall apply to all such parts of the Out Islands as are, for the time being, included within an area specified in a franchise granted to a Licensed Undertaker under the Out Islands Electricity Act. Ch. 195.

(3) The provisions of these Rules shall come into force upon such date as the Minister may specify by Notice in the *Gazette* and different dates may be so specified for different provisions of these Rules.

Interpretation.

2. (1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

"area of supply" in relation to any Licensed Undertaker, means the area specified in the franchise granted to him under the Out Islands Electricity Act; Ch. 195.

"contractor" means an electrical contractor holding a general licence issued under these Rules or under the Electricity (New Providence) Rules; *S.I. 75/1965.*

"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 these Rules or under the Electricity (New Providence) Rules, or a limited journeyman licence issued under these Rules;

"Licensed Undertaker" means a person or body corporate authorised by an agreement made pursuant to the Out Islands Electricity Act to supply electrical energy to the public in any part of the Out Islands.

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

(2) Any technical term or expression used in these Rules and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning given to it by the Electrical Code or failing this by the "Glossary of terms used in electrical engineering" issued by the British Standards Association.

(3) Electricity shall be supplied within an area of supply in accordance with the following specifications namely —

(a) the declared voltages shall be 120/208 volts three phase 4-wire, 120/240 volts single phase 3-wire, or 120 volts single phase 2-wire:

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be taken to prevent the Licensed Undertaker from supplying energy at other voltages by agreement with any particular consumer;

(b) the standard frequency shall be 60 cycles per second;

(c) the above declared voltages shall be subject to a variation of 6% above and below the declared voltages, and the above declared frequency shall be subject to a 2½% variation above and below the declared frequency:

Provided that the Licensed Undertaker shall be entitled to specify the conditions under which his consumers' equipment shall be connected to the supply so as to ensure minimum voltage fluctuation.

Contractors and electricians.

3. (1) The Minister is hereby declared to be the competent authority for the issue of licences to all persons before they may be entrusted with the construction, erection, repair or alteration of any installation within any area of supply.

(2) Only persons holding valid licences issued by the Minister shall be permitted to undertake installation work in an area of supply and any other person performing such work shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) Applications for licenses shall be submitted to the Minister and licences shall be issued in one or other of the forms specified in the Schedule to these Rules. Licences shall be issued for a period of twelve months, subject to a probationary period of six months upon the first issue of any licence, and shall require to be renewed on or before the 1st day of January in each and every succeeding year upon application for this purpose.

(4) A fee of five dollars shall be paid upon the issue and upon every renewal of each licence.

(5) Every licence shall be exhibited at the usual place of business of the licensee.

Categories of licence.

4. (1) The following categories of licence may be issued by the Minister —

(a) general —

(i) single phase;

(ii) three phase (including single phase);

(b) restricted;

(c) limited journeyman.

(2) A general licence issued to a contractor shall permit the holder to carry out either single phase or single phase and three phase installations anywhere in any area of supply.

(3) A restricted licence issued to an electrician shall permit the holder to carry out single phase or three phase installations in a specified building or class of buildings or in a specified area or areas of supply or during a specified period only.

(4) A limited journeyman licence issued to an electrician under these Rules shall permit the holder to carry out either single phase or single phase and three phase installations in a specified class of buildings or in a specified area or areas of supply only.

(5) Every applicant for a general licence shall first satisfy the Minister that he is not less than 21 years of age and that he is a fit and proper person satisfactorily to conduct the business of an electrical contractor and shall produce to the Minister satisfactory evidence of proficiency in electrical installation work.

(6) The Minister may in his discretion cancel or refuse to renew the licence of any holder who fails, in the opinion of the Minister, to show or to maintain the standard of proficiency required or who is shown to have disregarded the requirements of these Rules or of the Electrical Code.

Electrical wiring regulations.

5. Subject to the provisions of these Rules the essential requirements and minimum standards for the installation and maintenance of electrical equipment connected to the supply system of a Licensed Undertaker shall be as set out in the electrical Code, insofar as the

same is not inconsistent with these Rules or with any further Rules from time to time made by the Minister under the Electricity Act.

Installation tests and inspections.

6. (1) It shall be the duty of every contractor or electrician responsible for an installation within an area of supply to arrange for an inspection and test of every such installation by the Licensed Undertaker in accordance with this rule.

(2) No new installation or addition to or alteration of an existing installation shall be connected to the electricity supply until it has been inspected, tested and approved by a duly authorised officer of the Licensed Undertaker concerned, excepting only that in the case of additions not exceeding 15 ampères per line, such inspection and test may be waived by the Licensed Undertaker in his discretion.

(3) An inspection fee of ten dollars shall be charged and shall be payable by the contractor or electrician concerned where any installation fails to satisfy the requirements of these Rules upon initial inspection and where an additional inspection is thereby rendered necessary.

(4) A Licensed Undertaker shall not be responsible for delay in connecting the installation of any consumer to the electricity supply which results from the failure of the installation to pass its inspection or test.

(5) An inspector appointed in that behalf by the Minister under these Rules may inspect and test any installation at any time within any area of supply.

Defective installation.

7. Any existing installation which is found upon inspection or test, by a Licensed Undertaker or by an inspector appointed by the Minister, not to conform to the requirements of these Rules or of the Electrical Code may be disconnected and shall remain disconnected until all defects have been remedied to the satisfaction of the Licensed Undertaker or inspector, as the case may be.

Inspectors.

8. A Licensed Undertaker shall appoint and the Minister may also, if he deems it necessary to do so, appoint fit and proper persons to inspect installations, meters, fittings, service lines or other electrical equipment

situated upon private property and the Licensed Undertaker or Minister, as the case may be, shall provide such persons with suitable badges by which they may be identified as authorised inspectors.

9. Any person who commits an offence against these Rules, or who causes or permits any other person to commit any such offence, for which no other penalty is provided by the Electricity Act, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding seventy dollars. Penalty.

SCHEDULE (Rule 3(3))

ELECTRICITY (OUT ISLANDS) RULES

A. ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENCE

This is to certify that a licence to carry out ..... electrical installations in the Out Islands has been issued by the Minister of .....

to ..... for the year commencing 1st January, 19 .....

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Permanent Secretary

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B. ELECTRICIAN'S LICENCE

This is to certify that a licence to carry out.....
.....electrical installations.....
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..... only has been issued by the Minister of..... to .....for the year commencing 1st January, 19 .....

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Permanent Secretary

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C. LIMITED JOURNEYMAN LICENCE

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, 19.....

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Permanent Secretary

THE BAHAMAS ELECTRICITY CORPORATION REGULATIONS

(SECTION 60)

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Short title.

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

Interpretation.
S.I. 14/1979.

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;