

(Registered on the Records on the 9th July, 1955.)

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE,

The 21st day of June, 1955.

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

LORD PRESIDENT

MR. SECRETARY LLOYD-GEORGE

MR. SANDYS

SIR WALTER MONCKTON

MR. LOW

MR. NUTTING

MR. BROOKE

MR. TURTON

Electricity
(Modification)
(Guernsey)
Law, 1955.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Report from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council for the Affairs of Guernsey and Jersey, dated the 7th day of June, 1955, in the words following, viz.:—

“YOUR MAJESTY having been pleased, by Your General Order of Reference of the 22nd day of February, 1952, to refer unto this Committee the humble Petition of the States of the Island of Guernsey, setting forth:—

‘1. That, in pursuance of their Resolution of the 26th day of January, 1955, the States of Deliberation at a meeting held on the 20th day of April, 1955, approved a Bill or “Projet de Loi” entitled “The Electricity (Modification) (Guernsey) Law, 1955” and requested the Bailiff to present a most humble Petition to Your Majesty in Council praying for Your Royal Sanction

thereto. 2. That the said Bill or "Projet de Loi" is in the words and figures set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed. And most humbly praying that Your Majesty might be graciously pleased to grant Your Royal Sanction to the Bill or "Projet de Loi" of the States of Guernsey entitled "The Electricity (Modification) (Guernsey) Law, 1955" and to order that the same shall have the force of law in the Island of Guernsey.'

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"THE LORDS OF THE COMMITTEE, in obedience to Your Majesty's said Order of Reference, have taken the said Petition and the said Projet de Loi into consideration, and do this day agree humbly to report, as their opinion, to Your Majesty, that it may be advisable for Your Majesty to comply with the prayer of the said Petition and to approve of and ratify the said Projet de Loi."

HER MAJESTY having taken the said Report into consideration is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve of and ratify the said Projet de Loi, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the same shall have the force of Law within the Island of Guernsey.

AND HER MAJESTY doth hereby further direct that this Order, and the said Projet de Loi (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) be entered upon the Register of the Island of Guernsey and observed accordingly.

AND the Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Guernsey, the Bailiff and Jurats, and all other Her Majesty's Officers, for the time being, in the said Island, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

W. G. AGNEW.

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Projet de Loi referred to in the foregoing Order in Council.

PROJET DE LOI

ENTITLED

THE ELECTRICITY (MODIFICATION)

(GUERNSEY) LAW, 1955.

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolution of the 26th day of January, 1955, have approved the following provisions which, subject to the Sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, shall have force of law in this Island.

States may provide for lesser requirements with regard to installations, etc.

1. (1) The States may, from time to time, by Ordinance vary the provisions of section thirty-one of the Law entitled "Loi relative à la Fourniture de l'Electricité par les Etats, 1933" (hereinafter referred to as "the Electricity Law") so as to provide that for the requirements, with regard to any electrical installation or apparatus fixed or placed in any premises to which energy is or is about to be supplied by the Board, set out in the said section there shall be substituted, either generally or in relation to electrical installations or apparatus fixed or placed in such premises or classes of premises as may be specified in the Ordinance, such lesser requirements as the States may deem sufficient and subject to such conditions as the States may deem necessary or expedient, and different conditions may be imposed as regards different installations and apparatus.

(2) A contravention of any of the provisions of any Ordinance made under the provisions of the last preceding subsection shall be deemed to be a contravention of the provisions of section thirty-one of the Electricity Law.

Board's obligation to supply energy, etc.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of section eighteen of the Electricity Law it shall not,

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as from the date of the coming into force of this Law (hereinafter referred to as "the operative date"), be obligatory upon the Board to give a supply of energy to, or to furnish or lay electric lines on, any premises other than premises (hereinafter referred to as "supplied premises") actually connected with the Board's electric lines on the operative date save that, subject to the provisions of the next succeeding section, nothing in this section shall be taken to empower the Board to cease to give a supply of energy to any premises.

3. (1) Notwithstanding anything in the provisions of section two of this Law, the Board may, on or after the operative date, cease to give a supply of energy to any premises, including supplied premises, if in the opinion of the Board the consumption of energy in respect of those premises for any period exceeds the consumption which is for that period reasonable in all the circumstances for the occupier of those premises.

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of supply.

(2) The Board shall not cease to give a supply of energy to any premises under the provisions of the last preceding subsection unless notice of any such cessation has been served by the Board on the occupier of those premises at least fourteen days prior to the date upon which it is proposed to cease to give such supply.

(3) Such cessation as aforesaid shall not in any case invalidate any contract or agreement previously made with the Board or prejudice any legal right or remedy then accrued to the Board and no allowance shall be made to a consumer in respect of any period of cessation.

4. (1) The occupier of any premises aggrieved by a decision of the Board to discontinue the supply of energy may within seven days of the service by the Board of a notice under the provisions of the last pre-

Appeal
against
Board's
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ceding section appeal against such decision to the Royal Court sitting as an Ordinary Court.

(2) Pending the hearing of any such appeal the Board shall continue to give a supply of energy to the premises to which the appeal relates.

Service of notices.

5. Any notice required by the provisions of this Law to be served on the occupier of any premises shall be deemed to have been validly served if sent by pre-paid registered post addressed to that occupier at those premises.

Supply not to give rise to claim for damages, etc.

6. The supply of energy by the Board to any premises wherein is fixed or placed any electrical installation or apparatus, whether or not the same complies with the requirements of any Ordinance made under the provisions of section one of this Law, shall not give rise to any claim against the States or against any officer, servant or employee of the States in respect of—

(a) the death of, or any injury to, any person;

(b) damage to, or the destruction of, any property;

which may result or be alleged to result from such supply.

Definition of "electric line".

7. In this Law the expression "electric line" means a wire conductor or other means used for the purpose of conveying, transmitting or distributing electricity, with any casing, coating, covering, tube, pipe or insulator enclosing, surrounding or supporting the same or any part thereof, or any apparatus connected therewith for the purposes of conveying, transmitting or distributing electricity.

Citation and construction.

8. This Law may be cited as the Electricity (Modification) (Guernsey) Law, 1955, and this Law and the Electricity Law shall be construed as one and may

be cited together as the Electricity (Guernsey) Laws, 1955
1933 and 1955.

9. This Law shall come into force on such date as the States may by Ordinance appoint.

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