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Regulations under the War Regulations Amendment Act, 1916, restricting the Use of Coal-gas and Electricity.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington, this fifth day of June, 1917.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by the War Regulations Amendment Act, 1916, the Governor in Council is empowered to make by regulations such provisions as, having regard to the exigencies of the present war and the conditions created thereby, he thinks advisable for the maintenance of industries essential for the public welfare:

And whereas, having regard to the conditions created by the present war, it is deemed advisable to make the regulations hereinafter set forth for the control of the use of coal-gas and electricity with intent thereby to restrict the wasteful consumption of coal, and to make provision for the maintenance of industries dependent on an adequate supply of coal and essential for the public welfare:

Now, therefore, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, and in pursuance of the authority conferred upon him by the War Regulations Amendment Act, 1916, doth hereby make the following regulations under that Act.

REGULATIONS.

1. THESE regulations may be cited as the Lighting Regulations, 1917.

2. In these regulations—

“Minister in Charge” means the Minister in Charge under the Coal Trade Regulations made under the War Regulations Amendment Act, 1916, on the 5th day of February, 1917:

“Lighting authority” means any local authority or company engaged in the supply to the public of coal-gas or of electricity:

“Electricity” means electricity used or supplied for light or power, whether produced by steam power or by water power.

3. For the purpose of preventing the wasteful consumption of coal-gas or electricity, and for the purpose (in any locality in which both coal-gas and electricity are supplied to the public as alternative or competitive sources of light or power) of securing complete or partial uniformity in the restrictions imposed upon the use of each of those sources, it shall be lawful, notwithstanding any Act, contract, or obligation to the contrary, for any lighting authority to impose from time to time such restrictions as it thinks fit upon the use of coal-gas or electricity supplied by that authority, and any restriction so imposed may be at any time varied or cancelled by the lighting authority.

4. Any such restriction may be imposed generally upon all consumers, or upon any class of consumers, or upon consumers individually.

5. Any such restrictions may be imposed, varied, or cancelled either by notice in writing delivered or posted to the consumers, or by notice published in some newspaper circulating in the neighbourhood in which the supply of coal-gas or electricity takes place.

6. When the lighting authority is a company, the powers conferred upon the company by these regulations may be exercised by the Board of Directors of the company, or by any manager, director, secretary, or other officer to whom such powers have been delegated for the time being by that Board.

7. When the lighting authority is a local authority, the powers conferred upon that local authority by these regulations may be exercised by the Council or Board having the general control of the affairs of that local authority, or by any committee or officer to whom such powers have been delegated for the time being by that Council or Board.

8. When the Minister in Charge is satisfied that any lighting authority has not adequately exercised the powers conferred upon it by these regulations, or has unreasonably exercised those powers, the Minister may, in lieu of that lighting authority, exercise any powers so vested in it, and may impose any such restrictions as the lighting authority might itself have imposed, and may vary or cancel any restrictions whether imposed by himself or by the lighting authority. No restrictions so imposed by the Minister in Charge shall be cancelled or varied by the lighting authority without the consent of the Minister.

9. Every person who uses or permits the use of, or is knowingly concerned in the use of, any coal-gas or electricity in breach of any restriction imposed in pursuance of these regulations shall, whether he is a person to whom such coal-gas or electricity has been supplied by the lighting authority or not, be guilty of an offence against these regulations and shall be liable accordingly.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.