



SUPPLEMENT No. 2

TO

THE CYPRUS GAZETTE No. 2882 OF 23RD OCTOBER, 1940.

LEGISLATION.

THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS

No. 26 OF 1940.

A LAW TO REGULATE THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY FOR
LIGHTING AND OTHER PURPOSES.

W. D. BATTERSHILL,
Governor.

[15th October, 1940.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and
Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as
follows :—

1. This Law may be cited as the Electricity Law, 1940. *Short title.*

Definitions.

2. In this Law and in any regulations made thereunder the following words and phrases shall have the meaning attached to them respectively :—

- (a) “ area of supply ” means the area within which the undertakers are for the time being authorized to supply energy under an Order ;
- (b) “ company ” means any body registered under the Companies (Limited Liability) Laws, 1922 to 1940 ; and includes a co-operative society ;
- (c) “ consumer ” means any body or person supplied or entitled to be supplied with electrical energy by the undertakers or whose premises are for the time being connected for the purposes of supply of energy with the works of an undertaker ;
- (d) “ consumer’s terminals ” means the ends of the electric lines situated upon any consumer’s premises and belonging to him at which the supply of energy is delivered from the service lines ;
- (e) “ daily penalty ” means a penalty for each day on which an offence is continued after conviction therefor ;
- (f) “ distributing main ” means the portion of any main which is used for the purpose of giving origin to service lines for the purposes of general supply ;
- (g) “ earthed ” means connected to the general mass of earth in such a manner as to ensure at all times an immediate and safe discharge to earth of electrical energy ;
- (h) “ electric line ” means any wire, wires, conductor or other means used for conveying electricity for power, lighting or heating purposes and includes any instrument, insulator, casing, tubing or post supporting any electric line or anything connected therewith ;
- (i) “ energy ” means electrical energy when generated, supplied or used for any purpose except transmission of a message ;
- (j) “ general supply ” means the general supply of energy to ordinary consumers and includes, unless otherwise specially agreed with the Municipality, the general supply of energy to public lamps where the Municipality are not themselves the undertakers, but shall not include the supply of energy to any one or more particular consumers under special agreement ;
- (k) “ main ” means any electric line which may be laid underground or erected overhead by the

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undertakers and through which energy may be supplied by the undertakers for the purposes of general supply ;

- (l) "Municipality" means a Municipal Corporation established under the Municipal Corporations Laws, 1930 to 1938 ;
- (m) "Order" means any concession granted by the Governor under this Law which authorizes any company, person or Municipality to undertake any or all of the duties connected with the generation, transmission, transformation, distribution and sale of electrical energy ;
- (n) "power" means electrical power or the rate per unit of time at which energy is supplied ;
- (o) "private purposes" includes any purposes whatever to which electricity may for the time being be applicable, not being public purposes, except the transmission of any telegram ;
- (p) "public lamp" means any electric lamp used for the lighting of any street or other public place and maintained by any Municipality or other public authority or by the undertakers ;
- (q) "public purposes" means lighting any street or any public place belonging to or subject to the control of a Municipality or other public authority, or any place of public worship, or any hall, building or place belonging to or subject to the control of any public theatre, but shall not include any other purposes to which electricity may be supplied ;
- (r) "radio interference" means the generation of electric waves from apparatus and equipment which interferes with the conduct of radio communications ;
- (s) "radio communications" includes wireless telegraphy, wireless telephony, wireless television and the sending and reception of pictures and music by apparatus designed or adapted for utilizing etheric waves ;
- (t) "regulations" means any regulations or conditions affecting the undertaking made by the Governor under this Law or an Order, for securing the safety of the public or for ensuring a proper and sufficient supply of energy, or for any other purposes ;
- (u) "service line" means any electric line through which energy may be supplied or intended to be supplied by the undertakers to a consumer either from any distributing main or directly from the premises of the undertakers ;

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(v) "street" includes any thoroughfare over which the public have a right of way ;

(w) "telegraph licensee" means any person or telegraph company operating any telegraph line under the authority of a licence granted under the provisions of the Telegraphs Law, 1933.

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(x) "telegraph line" means any telegraph or telephone line, wires, or other apparatus belonging to or operated or intended to be operated by the Government or any person or telegraph company holding a licence under the provisions of the Telegraphs Law, 1933, and also includes all telegraph, telephone and electric signal wires belonging to or operated or intended to be operated under the direction of the Superintendent of the Cyprus Government Railway or other person in charge of a duly authorized railway ;

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(y) "telegram" means any message or other communication transmitted or intended for transmission by a telegraph line ;

(z) "undertakers" means any Municipality, company or person who may by this Law be authorized to supply electricity within any area ;

(aa) "works" includes electric lines, canals, riverworks, dams, headworks, pipe lines, buildings, machinery, matters or things of whatever description required to supply energy and to carry into effect the objects of the undertakers.

Application
of Law.

3. The provisions of this Law shall apply to the generation, transmission, transformation, distribution, sale, supply and use of energy throughout the Colony :

Provided that in granting an Order under section 4 to any company or person engaged in the generation, transmission, transformation, distribution, sale and supply of energy at the date of the commencement of this Law the Governor may exempt such company or person from all or any of the provisions of this Law for such period as may be specified in the Order.

Power to
grant orders.

4. The Governor may grant an Order authorizing any company or person to supply or generate electricity for any public and private purposes within any area defined in the Order and designated the area of supply, and may grant an Order to any Municipality authorizing it to supply electricity for a like purpose within the Municipal area or such extension of the Municipal area as may be defined in the Order, and further, he may grant an Order authorizing a transfer of the low tension distribution system situated within the Municipal area belonging to any company or

person to be made to a Municipality or to any company or person which may be licensed by the Municipality to supply energy within the Municipal area, on terms and conditions to be agreed upon between the parties and subject to the approval of the Governor :

Provided always that any such Order may provide that the company or person which has transferred the low tension distribution system may nevertheless be free to supply electricity to private consumers within the area.

5. The Order may comprise all or any portion of the works necessary for generating electric power either by fuel or by head of water or by any other means whatsoever, and for the transmission, transformation, distribution and sale of energy, together with all works ancillary thereto, and the works so specified and the duties attached thereto are hereinafter referred to as "the undertaking". The Order may confer upon the undertakers the right to acquire land and wayleaves, to dam up lakes and rivers, to construct canals, to divert rivers, to open up streets and all other rights which may be necessary to give effect to the purpose of the Order.

Extent and scope of order.

6. It shall not be lawful for the undertakers to supply energy beyond the area of supply, except in so far as otherwise provided in the Order.

Area of supply.

7. The Order may be subject, among other things, to any or all of the following limitations, and may contain the following provisions, viz :—

Limitation of order.

- (a) for the sequence and manner in which the works are to be executed and the period within which each portion of the works is to be completed and the conditions for securing the due execution of the work ;
- (b) for the period for which and the terms upon which the Order is granted, including the terms and conditions upon which the undertaking shall be surrendered to the Governor at the expiration of the specified period, and the provisions for the extension or renewal of the Order and the conditions to be attached thereto ;
- (c) for the exercise by the Governor of such financial and technical supervision over the operations of the undertaking as may be necessary for the purpose of ensuring due and proper working of the Order ;
- (d) for limiting the profits of the undertaking and for setting aside such sums for amortisation, depreciation and reserve as may be specified ;