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### PRICES CONTROL ACT, 1948-1952.

#### Prices Control Order No. 894.

Installing, Repairing and Rewiring of Electric Light and Power Circuits and the connecting of Electric Appliances thereto.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by the Prices Control Regulations, 1949, I, Constantin Paul Mathea, Prices Control Commissioner, hereby make the following Order:—

#### Citation.

1. This Order may be cited as Prices Control Order No. 894.

#### Revocation.

2. Prices Control Order No. 876 as amended by Prices Control Order No. 883, is hereby revoked.

#### Application.

3. This Order shall apply only to installing, repairing and rewiring of electric light and power circuits and the connecting of electric appliances thereto.

#### Definitions and Interpretations.

4. In this Order and the Schedules thereto, unless the contrary intention appears—

“dwelling” shall not include hotels, hostels, hospitals, public, charitable or religious institutions;

“electrical contractor” means any person who supplies any service of installing, repairing or rewiring of electric light and power circuits and the connecting of electric appliances thereto;

“Perth Metropolitan Area” means all that area of Western Australia comprised within a radius of 15 miles from the General Post Office at Perth;

“South-West Land Division” means the South-West Land Division as defined in the Land Act, 1933-1938, but not including the Perth Metropolitan Area, as defined in this paragraph;

“Standards Association of Australia Wiring Rules” means the rules known as the “S.A.A. Wiring Rules, Part 1 Wiring Methods” published by the Standards Association of Australia Code No. C.C.1 Part 1—1950;

“light point” means a point as defined in Standards Association of Australia Wiring Rules, No. 58;

“power point” means a general purpose outlet, as defined in Standards Association of Australia Wiring Rules, Rule No. 56 and includes any three pin socket having a rating not exceeding 10 amperes;

“consumer mains” means those cables included in the installation as defined in Standards Association of Australia Wiring Rules, Rule No. 25 and their protection as defined in Regulation No. 251 of Electricity Act Regulations, 1947;

“switchboard” means the main switchboard as defined in Standards Association of Australia Wiring Rules, Rule No. 75, affixed to

consumers' premises in such manner as required under Electricity Act Regulations, 1947;

"earthing system" means any system of earthing of electrical installations as defined in Standards Association of Australia Wiring Rules, Rule No. 35, or as required under Electricity Act Regulations, 1947;

"conduit installation" means an electrical circuit where the conductors are totally enclosed in slip conduit run continuously from switchboard to finality of electrical circuit and where the conduit and conduit fittings are supplied by the electrical contractor.

#### Maximum Rates—Specified Installations.

5. I fix and declare the maximum rate at which any person may supply in any dwelling, any service specified in the First Schedule to this Order, including the supply of any material in connection therewith, to be the amount for that service specified in the Schedule, according to the area in which that dwelling is situated, plus, in relation to any service specified in Part One of the Schedule—

- (i) in respect of any power point supplied—8s. per point;
- (ii) in respect of conduit installations—13s. 6d. per point in the Metropolitan Area and the South-West Land Division; 14s. 6d. per point in other areas South of the 26th parallel of South latitude; and 16s. per point in areas North of the 26th parallel of South latitude;
- (iii) where installing or rewiring necessitates two way switching—£2 per light point;
- (iv) where it is necessary for the electrical contractor to supply a bracket or insulators for the purpose of attachment of service mains to consumers' premises and to supply extra switch and/or fuses to meet the requirements of the Supply Authority—

an amount being the sum of the purchase price paid or payable for such goods plus 22½ per centum thereof;

- (v) in respect of bonding of water supply pipes and waste water pipes and including any earthing wire supplied—1s. 6d. per earthing clip.

Provided that the rates specified in Part One of the First Schedule shall—

- (1) include the supply and installation of consumers' mains, switchboard, earthing system and, in respect of each point, an electric light globe and shade;
- (2) where any switchboard installed is of a size or type other than that specified hereunder, that is, having a panel of a size of 17in. x 9in. on which is mounted—

one double pole 10 amp. switch; one fuse in light circuit and one fuse in power circuit,

or alternatively—

one single pole 10 amp. switch; one neutral link for two circuits; one fuse in light circuit and one fuse in power circuit,

be decreased, and may be increased by the amount by which the cost of the switchboard installed is less than or exceeds the cost of the switchboard described in this subparagraph.

Provided further, that in relation to the rates specified in Part Two of the First Schedule—

- (a) items 1 and 2 shall include the supply of electric light globe and shade and, where necessary under Electricity Act Regulations, 1947, earthing to existing earthing system;

(b) items 1 and 2 shall apply to lighting points run from 20 feet to 30 feet from looping-in point. Where the lighting point is less than 20 feet from the looping-in point, the rate shall be decreased by 1s. 4d. per foot for every foot less than 20, and where the lighting point is more than 30 feet from the looping-in point, the rate may be increased by 1s. 4d. per foot for each foot in excess of 30;

(c) items 3 and 4 shall apply to power points run from 25 feet to 35 feet from looping-in point. Where the power point is less than 25 feet from the looping-in point, such rate shall be decreased by 1s. 5d. per foot for each foot less than 25, and where the power point is more than 35 feet, from the looping-in point, such rate may be increased by 1s. 5d. per foot for each foot in excess of 35;

(d) items 3 and 4 shall include the running of earthing wire from power point to existing earthing system;

(e) such rates may be increased, in respect of bonding of water supply pipes and waste water pipes—by an amount of 1s. 6d. per earthing clip including any earthing wire supplied.

Where any service specified in the First Schedule to this Order is performed outside the Perth Metropolitan Area and beyond a radius of 10 miles from the electrical contractor's place of business and a motor vehicle other than a public conveyance is used to convey him and/or his employees between his place of business and the place where the service is performed, the maximum rate fixed by the foregoing provisions of this Order in relation to such service may be increased by an amount calculated at the rate of 9d. per mile for each mile necessarily travelled by such vehicle each way beyond such radius of 10 miles. Where more than one service is carried out in respect of which such travelling is necessary such amount shall be equally apportioned to each such service.

#### Installations other than Specified.

6. I fix and declare the maximum rate at which any person may supply any service of installing, repairing or rewiring of electric light and power circuits, and the connecting of electric appliances thereto, other than those specified in the First Schedule to this Order, in areas South of the 26th parallel of South latitude, to be the sum of—

- (i) an amount calculated at the appropriate hourly rate according to the classification of any person engaged in that service and specified in the Second Schedule to this Order, the area in which that service is performed and according to the time actually occupied by that person on the site where the service is performed in actually installing, repairing, or rewiring, electrical circuits as required to be recorded pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 10 of this Order;
- (ii) the price paid or payable by that person (but where such goods are declared goods, not in excess of the maximum price thereof under the Regulations) for any materials supplied by him in connection with the supply of such service and required to be recorded pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 10 of this Order, plus—
  - (a) where the service is performed within the Perth Metropolitan Area, 20 per centum thereof; or
  - (b) where the service is performed in any other area South of the 26th parallel of South latitude, 22½ per centum thereof.

#### Maximum Rates—North of the 26th Parallel of South Latitude.

7. I fix and declare the maximum rate at which any person may supply any service of installing, repairing or rewiring of electric light and power

circuits and the connecting of electric appliances thereto in any premises situated North of the 26th parallel of South latitude to be the sum of—

- (i) an amount calculated at the rate of 16s. 6d. per hour, according to the time actually occupied by any electrical contractor and any electrical installer, electrical installer's assistant or apprentice employed by the electrical contractor, on the site where the service is performed, in actually installing, repairing or rewiring electrical circuits and required to be recorded pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 10 of this Order;
- (ii) the price paid or payable by that person (but where such goods are declared goods not in excess of the maximum price thereof under the Regulations), plus 22½ per centum thereof, for any material supplied by him in connection with the supply of such service and required to be recorded pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 10 of this Order;
- (iii) all costs actually incurred by that person in transporting such materials to his place of business and properly recorded in his books of account.

General.

8. Paragraphs 6 and 7 of this Order shall be subject to the following provisions:—

- (a) in calculating the maximum rate, rates at time and a half or double time in connection with the supply of that service shall not be charged unless the person to whom that service is supplied agrees in writing that the service shall be supplied during those hours when time and a half or double time is payable under the relevant award;
- (b) the time spent by that electrical contractor and his employees in proceeding from the electrical contractor's place of business to the place at which the service is supplied and in returning to that electrical contractor's place of business shall, subject to the provisions of the next succeeding subparagraph of this paragraph, be allowed in calculating the time actually occupied in performing that service;
- (c) where, by reason of any mechanical defect or accident in respect of any vehicle used by that electrical contractor in connection with the supply of that service, there is an increase in the time occupied in performing that service, no allowance shall be made for such increase in time in calculating the time actually occupied in performing that service;
- (d) where, in the performance of any service, a motor vehicle other than a public conveyance is used by an electrical contractor to convey him and/or his employees between his place of business and the place where the service is performed, the maximum rate fixed by the foregoing provisions of this Order in relation to such service may be increased by an amount calculated at the rate of 9d. per mile for each mile necessarily travelled by such vehicle, each way. Where more than one service is carried out in respect of which such travelling is necessary, such amount shall be equally apportioned to each such service.

Allowance for Board and Lodging.

9. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, where any service is performed outside the Perth Metropolitan Area, any rate fixed by this Order in respect of such service may be increased by any cost actually incurred by the electrical contractor or his employees in respect of any board and lodging for which the electrical contractor is responsible under the relevant award

during the period actually worked on such service. Provided that no such cost will be allowable, unless properly recorded in the electrical contractor's books of account and also provided that, where more than one service is carried out in respect of which such board and lodging is necessary, such cost shall be apportioned in accordance with the time spent on each service.

Records.

10. Every electrical contractor shall keep the following records:—

- (i) The name and address of the person to whom that service is supplied.
- (ii) A description or specification of that service.
- (iii) The time occupied by himself and each of his employees in the performance of that service, including particulars of the time occupied during any period when time and a half or double time is payable under the relevant award.
- (iv) Full particulars of the location of the place at which that service is performed, and the dates upon which that service is performed.
- (v) The names of each of his employees and their trade classifications.
- (vi) The quantity and description of any materials supplied in connection with the supply of that service and the purchase price paid or payable by that electrical contractor for those materials.
- (vii) The total charge made by that electrical contractor in respect of the supply of that service.

Variation of Maximum Rates by Notice.

11. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Order, I declare the maximum rate at which any service of installing, repairing and rewiring of electric light and power circuits and the connecting of electric appliances thereto, specified in a notice given in pursuance of this paragraph may be supplied by any person to whom such notice is given, to be such rate as is fixed by the Commissioner by notice in writing to that person.

First Schedule—Part One.

Installing Initial Wiring or Completely Rewiring Single Phase Electrical Systems in Dwellings, in cases where the Voltage between Conductors Exceeds 32 Volts.

Maximum Rates.

Number of Points.	Area in which dwelling is situated.		
	Perth Metropolitan Area.	South-West Land Division.	Other than in Perth Metropolitan Area or South-West Land Division.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1.	7 13 3	7 14 9	7 16 3
2.	10 5 0	10 8 0	10 11 0
3.	12 16 9	13 1 3	13 5 9
4.	15 8 6	15 14 6	16 0 6
5.	18 0 3	18 7 9	18 15 3
6.	20 12 0	21 1 0	21 10 0
7.	23 3 9	23 14 3	24 4 9
8.	25 15 6	26 7 6	26 19 6
9.	28 7 3	29 0 9	29 14 3
10.	30 19 0	31 14 0	32 9 0
For each point in excess of ten - add per point ....	2 11 9	2 13 3	2 14 9

First Schedule—Part Two.  
Installing Points to Existing Single Phase Electrical  
Systems in Dwellings, in cases where the Vol-  
tage between Conductors Exceeds 32 Volts.  
Maximum Rates per Point.

Item No.		Area in which Dwelling is Situated.		
		Perth Metro- politan Area.	South-West Division.	Other than in Perth Metro- politan Area or South-West Land Division.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1.	Installing or rewiring of one light point where no other in- stallation or rewiring is carried out in the same premises on the same occasion	3 13 0	3 15 0	3 16 6
2.	Installing or rewiring of two or more light points, or one light point where other installation or rewiring is carried out in the same premises on the same occasion	2 19 6	3 1 0	3 2 6
3.	Installing or rewiring of one power point where no other in- stallation or rewiring is carried out in the same premises on on the same occasion	4 1 0	4 3 0	4 5 0
4.	Installing or rewiring of two or more power points or one power point where other installation or re- wiring is carried out in the same premises on the same oc- casion	3 7 6	3 9 0	3 10 6

The Second Schedule.  
Appropriate Hourly Rates—Areas other than North  
of the 26th Parallel of South Latitude.

Classification of Persons Engaged in the Service.	Where the relevant Award specifies that Ordinary Time shall be paid.		Where the relevant Award specifies that Time and a Half shall be paid.		Where the relevant Award specifies that Double Time shall be paid.	
	Perth Metropolitan Area and South-West Land Division.	Other than in Perth Metropolitan Area or South-West Land Division.	Perth Metropolitan Area and South-West Land Division.	Other than in Perth Metropolitan Area or South-West Land Division.	Perth Metropolitan Area and South-West Land Division.	Other than in Perth Metropolitan Area or South-West Land Division.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Electrical Contractor	14 2	14 6	18 6	18 11	22 10	23 4
Electrical Installer	14 2	14 6	18 6	18 11	22 10	23 4
Electrical Installer's Assistant	12 7	12 11	16 5	16 10	20 3	20 9
<i>Apprentices.</i>						
First Six Months	2 7	2 8	3 4	3 5	4 1	4 2
Second Six Months	3 3	3 4	4 2	4 3	5 1	5 2
Second Year	4 7	4 8	5 10	6 0	7 1	7 3
Third Year	7 2	7 5	9 2	9 5	11 2	11 5
Fourth Year	10 6	10 9	13 4	13 8	16 2	16 7
Fifth Year	12 6	12 10	15 11	16 4	19 4	19 10
At 21 years of Age	13 1	13 5	16 8	17 1	20 3	20 9

C. P. MATHEA,  
Prices Control Commissioner.

Dated at Perth this 30th day of September, 1953.