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- 4. Inspection The Works Officer may direct any officer appointed by him to inspect any electric line or work whether such electric line or work is the property of the Government of Niue or not and upon or after such inspection may require that such additions, alterations or repairs shall be made thereto as in his opinion are necessary or desirable for the utility and safety of the undertaking and the public; all such additions, alterations or repairs shall be made in the manner to be approved by the Works Officer or by an officer appointed by him for the purpose.
- 6. Notice regarding repairs or alterations (1) Where in the opinion of the Works Officer or any officer appointed by him any additions, alterations or repairs to any electric line or work are necessary the Works Officer shall cause a notice to be served on the owner of the electric line or work or on the consumer of electricity, as the case may be, setting out the work required to be done and the time (being not less than 14 days after service) within which such work shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Works Officer or an officer authorised by him.
- (2) If the owner of any electric line or work or any consumer of electricity, as the case may be, refuses or neglects to comply with any such notice issued pursuant to this section the Resident Commissioner in addition to instituting any proceedings against any person for breach of the provisions of this Ordinance may also discontinue the supply of electricity to the person so offending or cancel the licence for the continued use of such electric line or work as the case may be.
- 6. Power to enter premises An officer appointed by the Works Officer may at all reasonable times enter any premises to which electricity is or has been supplied in Niue in order to inspect the electric lines or work, meters, measuring instruments, fittings and apparatus for the supply of electricity and for the purpose of ascertaining the quantity of electricity consumed or supplied, or, where the supply of electricity is no longer required or where the Government desires to take away and cut off the supply of electricity from any premises for the purpose of removing any electric lines, works, meters, measuring instruments, fittings, or apparatus belonging to the Government of Niue.
- 7. Hindering or obstructing the Works Officer (1) Every person commits an offence against this Ordinance who obstructs or hinders the Works Officer or any person duly employed or authorised in the exercise of any power or function conferred on him by or under this Ordinance or any regulation made thereunder.
- (2) No proceedings for the recovery of any fine in respect of any such offence shall be a bar to an action at law by the Works Officer or person so authorised by him in respect of any such act as aforesaid but every such action may be commenced and proceeded with as if no such proceedings had been taken under this Ordinance.

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(a) Repairs, alters, or makes additions to any electric line or work or permits to be repaired, altered or added to any electric line or work except by a person acting under the authority either of the Works Officer or of a licence issued to him under section 3 of this Ordinance;

(b) Injures or suffers to be injured any electric line or work, meter or any electric measuring instrument:

(c) Removes, alters or in any way interferes with the index in any electric meter or electric measuring instrument or knowingly prevents any such meter or measuring instrument from duly registering the quantity of electric energy supplied;

Provided that the provisions of this section shall be without prejudice to any other right or remedy which may be available to the Crown for the punishment of any such offence.

- (2) For each such offence the offender shall, in addition to the expenses of making good any damage so occasioned to any electric line or work or any electric imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds, and to a further penalty not exceeding five pounds for every day after the first day during which any such offence continues.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, the Resident Commissioner in addition to instituting any proceedings against any person for a breach of the provisions of this section may also discontinue the supply of electricity to the person so offending (notwithstanding any agreement or contract previously existing).
- (4) In any proceedings against any person on a breach of the provisions of this section the existence of artificial means for causing any alteration to the index to any electric meter or measuring instrument or prevention in the registration of electricity supplied to any consumer or for fraudulently abstracting, consuming or using electricity when such electric line or work or electric meter or electric measuring instrument is under the custody or control of any consumer shall be prima facie evidence that such alteration, prevention, abstraction, or consumption, as the case may be, has been fraudulently, knowingly and wilfully caused by the person using such electric line or work or electric meter or measuring instrument.
- 9. Stealing electricity Electricity is hereby declared to be a thing capable of being stolen within the meaning of [section 188 of the Niue Act 1966] and any person who maliciously or fraudulently abstracts, causes to be wasted or diverted, consumes, or uses any electricity shall be guilty of theft and punishable accordingly.

[The Niue Act 1966, being the corresponding enactment in force at the date of this reprint, has been substituted for the Cook Islands Act 1915]

- 10. Government not liable for failure of supply No person who is a consumer of electrical energy supplied or sold by the Government shall have any claim against the Government in the event of any failure of the supply of any such energy through accident, tempest, drought or other unavoidable cause.
- 11. Power to alter dangerous radio aerials Where in the opinion of the Works Officer any radio aerial by its proximity to an electric line is likely to be the cause of public or private danger, he shall cause a notice to be served on the owner of the aerial in terms of section 5 of this Ordinance and the provisions of that section shall apply as far as they are applicable.
- 12. Sale of electrical appliances and fittings No person shall sell or keep for sale any electrical appliances or electrical fittings unless he is the holder of a licence to sell such electrical appliances or fittings granted by the Resident Commissioner.
- 13. Power to enter on land (1) Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance the Government may from time to time
  enter on any land for the purposes of the construction or
  maintenance of any electric line or work and may remain on
  that land for such time and execute and do all things
  necessary in connection with such line or work.
- (2) In the exercise of the power conferred by this section the Government may cut and remove within a distance of thirty-three feet on either side of a line whether existing or proposed any trees and undergrowth which interfere or are likely to interfere with such line:

Provided that where it appears necessary from the hilly nature of the country the Government may cut and remove any trees and undergrowth within a distance of not more than three chains on either side of any such line.

- 14. Removal of trees causing damage to electric lines (1) If any tree growing on any land causes or is likely to cause damage to an electric line or work the Government may cause notice to be given to the owner of that land to remove the said tree or any part thereof and if the owner of that land fails to comply with the terms of such notice within the time specified therein (being not less than seven days after service) the Government may enter upon that land and remove the tree or any part thereof but so that no unnecessary damage is done or incurred thereby.
- (2) If the rights and powers conferred by sections 13 and 15 hereof shall have already been exercised in respect of any land no compensation shall be paid in respect of any tree or part thereof on such land and cut under the powers conferred by this section.

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15. Compensation - Subject to the provisions of this ordinance, where in the exercise of the powers conferred any damage is caused to land the owner shall be entitled to compensation to be ascertained in the same manner as compensation for land taken under [section 328 of the Niue act 1966]:

Provided that where any such power is exercised with the consent of the owner and to the extent of such consent no compensation shall be paid.

[The Niue Act 1966, being the corresponding enactment in force at the date of this reprint, has been substituted for the Cook Islands Act 1915.]

- 16. General penalty for offences Every person who commits an offence against this Ordinance for which no penalty is provided elsewhere than in this section shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.
- 17. Fines recoverable A fine incurred under this Ordinance shall except where it is otherwise expressly provided, be recovered upon the information of any person appointed by the Resident Commissioner in that behalf either generally or in any particular case.
- 18. Application of fees and fines All fees and fines levied and received under this Ordinance shall be paid into the Niue Island Treasury and shall form part of the revenue of Niue Island.
- 19. Regulations (1) The Resident Commissioner may from time to time by notice published in the Gazette make regulations -
- (a) prescribing the form of licences under this Ordinance the conditions on which such licence may be issued and the fees payable thereon;

(b) so as to secure the protection of persons and property from injury or damage caused, either directly or indirectly, by electrical energy;
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- (c) prescribing conditions in respect of the construction, installation, maintenance, use, management, inspection, and testing of electric lines or works and of instruments, materials, appliances, apparatus, accessories, and equipment used or intended to be used in the construction, installation, maintenance, or use of electric lines or works or in the application of elec-
- trical energy;
  prohibiting the manufacture, importation, sale,
  and use of any materials, appliances, accessories,
  devices, and equipment which do not satisfy any
  prescribed tests or standards, or the use of
  which may be dangerous to persons or property,
  or which do not comply with the provisions of
  any regulations under this section;

(e) providing for the removal of lines laid or erected in breach of this Ordinance, and of any line in the use of which any of the conditions of the licence under which it was laid or erected are not observed or complied with, and

for the removal or alteration of any dangerous line (whether erected under the authority of a licence issued under this Ordinance or any Act or other Ordinance or not), at the expense in each case of the owner of the line;

defining what may be deemed a dangerous electric line or work for the purpose of any regulations (f) hereunder;

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supply of electrical energy; prescribing fees to be paid in connection with any inspection or testing authorised by any (h) regulations hereunder;

(1) imposing fines not exceeding twenty pounds for the breach of any regulation.

(2) This section shall not apply to any electric line or work defined in section 141 of the Post Office Act 1959 as applied to Niue [section 699 of the Niue Act 1966].

[The Niue Act 1966, being the corresponding enactment in force at the date of this reprint, has been substituted for the Cook Islands Act 1915. No regulations under this section were made before the date of this reprint.]