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*Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 (2) of the Electricity Supply Ordinance, 1911, Ordinance No. 18 of 1911, on the 9th day of September, 1930.*

Regulations 30 and 31 of the regulations for securing the safety of the public, made under the Electricity Supply Ordinance, 1911, which regulations 30 and 31 are set forth in Government Notification No. 354 in the Gazette of the 13th June, 1930, are hereby rescinded and the following regulations are substituted therefor respectively:—

30. The company shall not connect with its mains consumers' wires or fittings that would cause an undue leakage, or that are, in the opinion of the company, constructed or arranged in such a manner as to cause a danger of shock or fire. Where the company declines to make such connexion it shall serve upon the consumer a notice stating its reasons for so declining.

31. For the purpose of ascertaining that a consumer's wires and fittings have not subsequently fallen into an unsafe condition the company shall make periodical tests at intervals of not more than five years. The commencement date of the first or earliest of such intervals shall be the 1st day of January, 1931. For the purposes of such tests, and for the purpose of discovering whether a defect exists at some part of a consumer's installation within or upon the consumer's premises, the company may, by notice in writing, require the consumer at some reasonable time after the service of the notice to permit any officer of the company to inspect and test the installation. Service of any such notice may be effected by letter sent by ordinary post addressed to the consumer's premises, or by leaving the notice at such premises.

If the consumer does not give all due facilities for such inspection and testing within a reasonable time after the service of the notice, the company shall forthwith discontinue the supply of energy to the consumer's premises, giving immediate notice of the discontinuance to the consumer, and shall not recommence the supply until the test has been carried out. The period of discontinuance as aforesaid shall be excluded in computing the interval of not more than five years above mentioned.

If after such inspection and testing the company is reasonably satisfied that a defect exists at some part of a consumer's installation the company shall by notice require the consumer within a reasonable time after the service of such notice, to remove the defect.

If after retesting by an officer of the company the installation is found to be still defective, the company shall forthwith discontinue the supply of energy to the premises in question. The supply shall not be reconnected until the defect has been removed and the charges for reconnection and retesting have been paid to the company.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
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