

POWER SUPPLY FOR LIGHTING TELEPHONE CALL OFFICES

Agreements

1. General.—This Instruction deals with the supply of power for lighting telephone call offices, i.e. kiosks and cabinets. The general policy and working rules governing the conditions under which call office lighting is to be provided are dealt with in TELEPHONES, Call Offices, A 3007. The electrical installation in telephone kiosks is dealt with in General, C 3500 and Lighting, A 3101.

2. Negotiations for a supply.—When electric lighting is to be installed in a kiosk it may be connected to the street lighting mains when these are available provided that:—

- (a) the street lighting is on from dusk till dawn
- (b) the local street lighting authority agrees
- (c) the Area Electricity Board assent.

This should be ascertained by correspondence with the authorities concerned. No mention should be made of a special charge for switching on and off, it being assumed that the agreed charge for power covers these operations.

If it is not practicable to connect to street lighting mains, the supply should be taken from the Area Electricity Board's ordinary distribution mains, and the kiosk lighting should be controlled by a time switch.

3. Charges for the supply of energy by Electricity Boards.—Standard agreements have been made with all Electricity Boards for the supply of energy at fixed annual charges to kiosks fitted with either a 25-watt or 40-watt filament lamp.

The annual charge only covers the supply of energy for lighting a lamp of the wattage stated from dusk to dawn (normally defined as from half an hour after sunset until half an hour before sunrise). In addition a charge for providing and connecting the service line is payable by the P.O. and a quotation for this should be obtained before the Board is instructed to provide the service (see TELEPHONES, Call Offices, A 3007).

4. Initial and final accounts for electricity supply to call offices.—Following an agreement made in 1956 with the South Wales Electricity Board the effective date for calculation of the charges for current for call offices in its area should be the first day of the month following the date of connexion or disconnexion. Similar arrangements may be made with other Electricity Boards.

5. Kiosk lighting record cards A 3364.—The T.M. (Clerical Divn., Accommodation Duty) is responsible for the payment of accounts for kiosk lighting charges.

A separate record card A 3364 should be maintained for each authority, company or individual to whom payments are made. Where practicable a common date for all payments to each authority, etc., should be arranged, but where this is not possible a card should be prepared for each date. Particulars of standard lighting charges per kiosk should be shown at the head of each card. Where a uniform charge is not made the various rates should be entered, together with the number of call offices to be charged at each particular rate. The entries should be amended as changes occur. When a payment is made particulars of the cheque and the period covered should be entered on the relative record card.

6. Air Ministry services.—An arrangement has been made with the Air Ministry for services to be given, on request from the T.M., to telephone kiosks on Air Ministry property or adjacent public roads, if no public service is available. The arrangement provides for the lighting of a 25-watt lamp, time switch controlled, from half an hour after sunset until half an hour before sunrise. A fixed annual payment is made by the A.G.D. to the Air Ministry for the electricity supplies.

7. War Department services.—Arrangements have been made with the War Department for the supply of electricity for the purpose of lighting telephone kiosks on War Department property. The actual kiosks to be lit should be agreed between the T.M. and the local station Commander. Charges are as follows:—

- (a) Kiosks lit with a 25-watt lamp
 - (i) from one hour after sunset to sunrise
£1. 10s. 0d. per annum.
 - (ii) from one hour after sunset to midnight
15s. 0d. per annum.
- (b) Kiosks lit with a 40-watt lamp
 - (i) from one hour after sunset to sunrise
£1. 15s. 0d. per annum.
 - (ii) from one hour after sunset to midnight
17s. 6d. per annum.

The accounts will be submitted by the local station Commander, to whom payment should be made by the T.M.

8. British Transport Commission.—Under an agreement with the British Transport Commission (see Tp.S.I. G3 VII and Appendix H), the Commission arrange for electric lighting, where available, to be provided in telephone call offices (and adjacent directory holders) on their property during the hours of darkness by means of a lamp of not less than 25 watts.

The charge is £2 10s. 0d. per annum for each call office lighted and £5 per annum for each directory holder lighted; payment should be made by the T.M. direct to the Regional Office of British Railways, the London Transport Executive or to the Dock Manager, as appropriate. The Clerical Divn. (Accommodation Duty) is responsible for the assessment of lighting charges (of cleaning also in the London Postal Area) and of site rents for 'waste land' call offices, and for the completion of the statement (see Appendix A to Tp.S.I. D5 III), on receipt from the Call Office Duty. Payment should be made, accompanied by this statement, half-yearly, not later than one month after 30 June and 31 December. The payments should be claimed in the Cash Account (commercial column) under the heading 'Water, Light and Fuel'. In some cases however, e.g. in kiosks situated on station forecourts or approach roads, lighting is provided by the Area Electricity Board under a separate agreement

with the P.O. and care should be taken to ensure that, in such cases, no lighting payment is made to the British Transport Commission.

9. *Telephone call offices lit by gas.*—An agreement with the British Transport Commission is in force in respect of those call offices on railway property which are lit by gas. This agreement provides that:—

(a) where a gas lamp has been provided specifically for lighting a call office from the outside, whether the station premises are fortuitously lighted or not, the full scale of £2 10s. 0d. per annum is to be paid.

(b) where a gas lamp, being part of the station general lighting, lights both the call office and the station premises, nothing is to be paid.

Payments should be made, and claimed, as in par. 8.

References:—C 3500
(P3/3) Lighting, A 3101
TELEPHONES, Call Offices, A 3007

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