Law of 19 June 1969
regarding construction and operation of electrical installations

§ 1

Installations for production, transmission and distribution of electrical power at high voltage are not to be constructed or operated by others than the State without permission of the Crown. The same applies to alterations or extensions to older installations.

For the permission, conditions may be laid down which are in conformity with the basic rules of § 3.

The level which the voltage must attain for the law to come into application, shall on each occasion be determined by the Crown.

§ 2

Application for permission in accordance with this Law shall be accompanied by descriptions, which on demand may be supplemented by drawings, maps or similar.

Prior to an application being settled, the opinion of the relevant municipal council and the Lord Lieutenant in the county shall be sought.

§ 3

When permission is granted and the conditions are stated, the following basic rules are to be observed:

1. The permission is granted to a definite person, company, municipal body or county.

2. Consideration shall be paid to the need for electric power in the district and if the installation will lead to a rational supply of electricity, then the necessary conditions are to be stated regarding this.

3. Provisions may be stated regarding the construction of the installation and which may also include the time for construction to start; also the design, maintenance and operation of the installation may be included in the provisions.

4. An annual charge payable to the State of up to 3 kroner/kW and an annual charge payable to the municipal bodies or counties of up to 4 kroner/kW of the rated power or transmission capacity of the installation, may be determined. Where a charge is placed on the power in accordance to concession for the renting of such power, then this charge is to be subtracted from the above.

Where a charge in accordance to concession for acquisition of, or regulation of, waterways is placed on the waterfall which is under construction or from which the power is transmitted, then this is to be taken into consideration when the charge according to the present Law is determined.

If the charge is not paid when due, annual interest shall be charged at the rate of 6%. The charge may be enforced by distraint.

More detailed provisions regarding the payment of the charge is to be determined by the Ministry concerned.

5. In addition, such conditions may be stated which are deemed necessary out of public considerations or to protect private interests which may be suffering.

§ 4

This Law also applies to Spitzbergen, with the exception of the provisions in § 3, item 4.