

## Law No. 4 of 1997 on the Procedures and Fees for the Connection of Electricity and Water Supplies

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We, Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar;

Having perused the Amended Provisional Constitution, in particular Articles 23, 34 and 51 thereof;

Law No. 2 of 1962 regulating the fiscal policy in Qatar, as amended by Decree-Law No. 19 of 1996;

Law No. 7 of 1963 identifying and regulating the collection of fees for the supply of electricity and water; as amended;

Law No. 3 of 1975 on the commercial and industrial businesses and similar public establishments, as amended;

Law No. 11 of 1979 on the protection of the electrical and water public installations;

Law No. 19 of 1995 on the regulation of industry;

Law No. 4 of 1985 on the regulation of buildings as amended by Law No. 18 of 1987;

Law No. 6 of 1992 organising the Ministry of Electricity and Water and specifying its functions;

The proposal of the Minister of Electricity and Water;

The bill submitted by t

### **Articles**

#### Article 1

The Ministry of Electricity and Water shall assume the services of supplying electricity and water to buildings and facilities as well as to make additions or effect changes or transfers to them. No one besides the Ministry may perform any of these services except with a license from the Ministry consistent with the provisions of this Law and the bylaws and regulations in force and in accordance with the conditions specified in the license.

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## Article 2

Applications for the services referred to in the preceding article shall be submitted to the relevant department in the Ministry of Electricity and Water on the forms prepared for that purpose, signed by the owner or his legal representative and accompanied by the required documents and plans.

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## Article 3

Supply of electricity or water may not be made to buildings and facilities for which a certificate was not issued regarding the conformity of the structure or the works to the terms of the license issued in that regard in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Supply of electricity may be made to farms officially registered at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture, and which are located not more than five kilometres from the nearest point to the main distribution network, provided that does not require support and strengthening works to the electrical transmission network. If the supply requires that, or the farm was located more than five kilometres from the nearest distribution network, it is incumbent upon the relevant department to prepare a detailed study of each individual case and present it to the Minister of Electricity and Water to take the appropriate resolution in that regard.

## Article 4

Supply of electricity and water to all buildings and facilities that are outside the borders of the cities and towns shall be by a resolution of the Minister of Electricity and Water.

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## Article 5

Electricity shall be supplied to a single-point or single-socket for the supply through the existing low pressure network. The supply may be made, if necessary and for reasons determined by the relevant department, to more than one point or socket.

If the need to supply the current requires the operation of a new distribution station, the applicant for the supply must allocate a suitable site for the station inside his building, or in a special separate building at his expense without his having the right to claim any compensation.

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## Article 6

Water shall be supplied to the building or facility requiring its supply through the water distribution network by one sub-link for each building or new facility.

The supply may be made, when necessary and for reasons determined by the relevant department, by more than one sub-link in the event of its not being possible to make the supply through the distribution network already in place. The supply shall be made through tankers in accordance with the procedures and regulations in force and consistent with the provisions of this law.

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## Article 7

Fees for the supply of electricity shall be determined in accordance with the composite loads to buildings and facilities in accordance with Table (1) attached.

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## Article 8

The same fees specified in Table (1) shall be payable for making additions to the existing electrical loads in relation to the various buildings, facilities and farms. Owners of private residential buildings shall be exempt from the payment of these fees.

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## Article 9

The fees for the conversion of the path of the existing electrical grid or to change the sites of the distribution stations or the supply sockets shall be on the basis of the actual costs of the work. Owners of buildings, facilities and farms shall be exempt from the payment of these fees if the work referred to takes place for reasons beyond their control.

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## Article 10

The fees for temporary electric supply in buildings and facilities projects shall be on the basis of the actual costs of the supply.

An amount of (20,000) twenty thousand riyals shall be taken as a deposit for consumption and shall be returned when the project ends after completing the necessary settlement calculation.

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## Article 11

Fees for the supply of water to buildings and facilities, whether through the existing water distribution network or tankers, shall be determined in accordance with Table (2) attached.

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## Article 12

The same fees specified in Table (2) shall be payable for making additions in excess of the rate of actual consumption in relation to the various buildings and facilities. Owners of private residential buildings shall be exempt from the payment of these fees.

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## Article 13

The fees for the conversion of the path of the existing water distribution network or to change the sites of the sub-links shall be on the basis of the actual costs of the work. Owners of buildings, facilities and farms shall be exempt from the payment of these fees if the work referred to takes place for reasons beyond their control.

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## Article 14

The fees for temporary water supply in buildings and facilities projects shall be on the basis of the actual costs of the supply.

An amount of (10,000) ten thousand riyals shall be taken as a deposit for consumption and shall be returned when the project ends after completing the necessary settlement calculation.

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## Article 15

The following buildings shall be exempt from fees for the supply, addition, conversion and alteration to the electricity and water current provided for in this Law:

- a - Housing allocated for the disabled, orphans, widows and divorced women by the Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs.
- b - Housing allocated for the Imams of the mosques.
- c - Mosques endowed by individuals and associations.
- d - Endowment (Waqf) establishments
- e - Public housing

## Article 16

The fees stipulated in this Law may be changed or waived and new fees imposed by means of a resolution of the Cabinet based on the proposal of the Minister of Electricity and Water.

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## Article 17

The Minister of Electricity and Water shall issue the bylaws and resolutions necessary for the regulation of engaging in electrical works, water piping and plumbing works; and to determine the fees payable for the licenses issued to those who practice these professions, the fees for renewal thereof and exemption therefrom.

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## Article 18

The relevant department at the Ministry of Electricity and Water by its resolution may cut off the water and electrical supply to any building, facility or farm, in the case of violation of security and safety regulations or electrical wiring and water piping rules in force.

The parties concerned may appeal against that resolution before the Minister within thirty days from the date of their notification thereof. The resolution of the Minister with respect to the appeal shall be final.

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## Article 19

The provisions of this law shall apply to all existing buildings and facilities as well as to those for whom applications for the supply of electricity and water are pending at the time it comes into effect. Private residential buildings located within the boundaries of cities and towns, for which

building permits have been issued by the relevant authorities, before the effective date of this law, shall be excluded from the above.

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## Article 20

Technicians employed by the Ministry of Electricity and Water who are delegated by a resolution of the Minister shall have the capacity of law enforcement officers in enforcing and establishing the occurrence of violations of the provisions of this Law or the resolutions that give effect to it.

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## Article 21

Without prejudice to any more severe sanction provided for by another law, a sanction of imprisonment not exceeding three months, and a fine of not more than ten thousand riyals, or either of these sanctions, shall be imposed on any person who violates the provisions of Article 1 of this Law.

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## Article 22

The Minister of Electricity and Water shall issue the bylaws, resolutions and forms necessary for the implementation of this Law. Until such time that these bylaws, resolutions and forms are issued, the rules and regulations currently in force shall continue to apply temporarily.

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## Article 24

All competent authorities, each within their jurisdiction, shall enforce this Law which shall be published in the *Official Gazette*.

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