

WORKSHOP - DOING BUSINESS 2016 KUWAIT

MEW RESPONSE & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS VALIDATING SHORTER PROCEDURE TIME

GETTING ELECTRICITY

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1	<p>Hire licensed electrical engineer to prepare study of electrical load and power requirement</p> <p>The Client hires an engineering consulting firm that is approved by the union of engineers and that has a Supervision Engineer licensed by the MEW. The consulting firm (i.e. contractor), will then study and estimate the electrical load and power requirement of the project so as to obtain MEW's approval/authorization for availability of electricity supply (see procedure below). The fees vary depending on the prices set by the contractor.</p> <p>Agency: Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW)</p>	2 calendar days	KWD 1,250	<p>The time and cost to complete this procedure depends on the agreement between the client and the hired electrical engineer, have nothing to do with MEW and should not be accounted for getting electricity. Also, MEW is not an Agency for this procedure.</p>	<p>WB clarifies that since this is one of the procedures for getting electricity connection, even though the procedure does not concern MEW, it has to be there. However, the Agency Name will be corrected to be "Electrical engineer licensed by the Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW)"</p>	<p>Since the procedure has to remain, provided it is the same for all other countries, MEW has no objection to the same.</p>
2	<p>Submit application to Ministry of Electricity and Water and await estimate</p> <p>The client submits an application to the Distribution department of MEW to get the approval/authorization of electricity supply. The client needs to submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The study and estimate done by the consulting firm in Procedure 1. - 3 copies to the concerned governorate engineer of the electrical distribution network (EDN) department requesting approval/authorization for the electricity supply - Copy of the application after necessary approval duly signed and stamped by the governorate engineer - Licenses of construction <p>Agency: Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW)</p>	17 calendar days	KWD 0	<p>Client awaits estimate is not applicable for this procedure. An amendment is requested to read this phrase as "Client submits application to Ministry of Electricity and Water and awaits site inspection". The procedure never takes more than 2 calendar days.</p>	<p>Supporting Documents / Evidence are required to prove MEW Claim that it does not take more than 2 days to complete this procedure.</p>	<p>Samples of Application Submissions for similar Electrical Loads and MEW Approvals to validate MEW Claim that this procedure does not take more than 2 calendar days are attached (Attachment Nos. 1-A & 1-B).</p> <p><u>Note: Even though the Date of Application is shown as 17/05/2016, but it is the date when the licensed engineer has prepared / filled-in the form in his office (He has empty form with him from before). The application is actually submitted at a later date.</u></p>

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3	<p>Receive site inspection by Ministry of Electricity and Water</p> <p>The client obtains a site inspection from the Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) and awaits the estimate of connection fees. After the inspection is done, MEW hands the client a stamped approval and authorization</p> <p>Agency: Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW)</p>	1 calendar day	KWD 0	OK, But this procedure should be together with Procedure - 2 and not a separate procedure.	WB clarifies this is a separate procedure since it starts on a different day.	MEW has no comments.
4	<p>Obtain "no objection" letter from municipality</p> <p>After completing the building works and obtaining the approval of the municipality, the applicant will need to apply for a no-objection letter from the municipality. The municipality will then send the letter by mail to the Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) so the latter can install the meter and turn on supply of electricity to the project.</p> <p>Agency: Municipality</p>	22 calendar days	KWD 0	The time to complete this procedure depends on the client and Municipality, has nothing to do with MEW and should not be accounted for getting electricity.	WB clarifies since this is one of the procedures for getting electricity connection, even though the procedure does not concern MEW, it has to be there. WB also recommends reform of this procedure mutually between MEW and Kuwait Municipality to reduce the time period	MEW will discuss the subject with Kuwait Municipality to work out a solution on this at the earliest possible.
5	<p>Submit application for electrical installation</p> <p>The client submits an application to the Installation Department of MEW for electrical installation. The client needs to submit the stamped approval and authorization obtained after the inspection. This procedure can be done online. However, the online system is not widely adopted yet.</p> <p>Agency: Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW)</p>	13 calendar days	KWD 0	The online system is fully adopted now resulting in a decrease of the time to complete this procedure in only 5 calendar days. This procedure is for the approval of design drawings for air-conditioning & electrical installation and hence the title should be " Submit application for electrical installation and air-conditioning designs and drawings approvals.	Supporting Documents / Evidence are required to prove MEW Claim that Online system is fully adopted	<p>Computer print-out showing a list of online transactions is attached (Attachment No. 2).</p> <p>This procedure is for the approval of design drawings for air-conditioning & electrical installations and hence the procedure title should be "Submit application for electrical installation and air-conditioning designs and drawings approvals.</p>

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6	<p>Submit final electrical drawings for approval and obtain inspection of internal wiring</p> <p>During or after execution of the internal wiring the client's licensed engineer will need to submit the final electrical drawings related to the internal wiring for approval to the Electrical Installation Department of the Ministry. These drawings include air-conditioning, lighting and all other electrical equipment, electrical mains, switches, cable sizes, circuit breakers and fuses. The client will also need to submit a load form in order to obtain inspection of internal wiring and final connection. The load form will then be handed over to the applicant themselves. If the applicant is a company, the form will be handed over to an authorized staff of the company. The approval itself is granted after a couple of weeks, but is obtained in parallel with the external works. The inspection however, happens only after the Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) has obtained the letter of no-objection from the municipality. If the drawings meet the Ministry's specifications, then inspectors from the Electrical Installation Department of the Ministry will inspect the internal installation (size of cables, type of fuses, cable connection process and installation of main panels and sub-panels inside and outside the warehouse). The engineer also needs to submit approvals from the Municipality and the Kuwait Fire Department. The Municipality will also check that plans are actually corresponding to latest drawings.</p> <p>Agency: Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW)</p>	16 calendar days	KWD 0	<p>It is recommended that this procedure be titled "Submit final as-built (or, as constructed) electrical drawings for approval and obtain inspection of internal wiring". In no way, the time to complete this procedure exceeds 5 calendar days.</p>	<p>Supporting Documents / Evidence are required to prove MEW Claim that it takes no more than 5 days to complete this procedure.</p>	<p>Samples of Application Submissions and MEW Inspection Approvals to validate MEW Claim that this procedure does not take more than 5 calendar days are attached (Attachment Nos. 3-A & 3-B).</p>

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7	<p>Obtain external works from Electrical Installation Department</p> <p>Once the drawings are approved, the client needs to pay the fees of the project to Ministry of Electricity & Water (MEW) for the power supply connection. This cost is for the equipment supplied by the ministry. The payment is done at the estimation department of MEW. The estimation department then gives the green light to the Electrical Distribution Networks Department so that external works can be started.</p> <p>External works are designed and carried out by the Electrical Distribution Networks Department of MEW. A 140-kVA load can be supplied from an existing distribution sub- station in the area, if capacity is available.</p> <p>In the absence of the infrastructure facilities, the holder of the license can allocate a space on the plot not exceeding 5x5 m2 for the MEW to install an electrical transformer to provide additional power to the plot. Having the transformer installed will not result in additional cost to the customer.</p> <p>The former scenario is however, the more likely one for the assumed case.</p> <p>Agency: Electrical engineer licensed by the Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW)</p>	21 calendar days	KWD 0	This procedure should be titled "Obtain external works from Electrical Distribution Networks Department". In no way, the time to complete this procedure takes more than 4 to 6 calendar days.	Supporting Documents / Evidence are required to prove MEW Claim that it takes no more than 4 to 6 days to complete this procedure.	Samples of Work Orders & Work Executions for SOME CLIENTS to validate MEW Claim that this procedure does not take more than 4 to 6 calendar days are attached (Attachment Nos. 4-A & 4-B).
8	<p>Obtain meter installation and final turn-on of supply</p> <p>The client needs to show a receipt of payment to one of the nearest emergency departments of the Ministry of Electricity and Water to obtain final supply. The meter is handed over to the client directly by the Consumer Affairs Department, and the installation is carried out by the Electrical Installation Department.</p> <p>Agency: Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW)</p>	2 calendar days	KWD 5152.92	The cost to complete this procedure is KWD 3,766.750. Cost calculation is attached for reference.	Cost calculation with all supporting documents are to be provided again.	Cost calculation with all supporting documents are attached (Attachment-5).