

GOVERNMENT OF DUBAI

**LAW NO. (6) OF 2015 CONCERNING
THE PROTECTION OF THE GENERAL NETWORK OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER
IN THE EMIRATE OF DUBAI**

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After perusal of,

Federal Law No. (3) of 1987 on Issuance of Penal Code and its amendments,

Act No. 2 of 1994 concerning Protection of Safety of the General Network of Electricity and Water Services,

Law No. 3 of 2003 establishing the Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai,

Law No. 9 of 2004 concerning Dubai International Financial Centre and its amendments,

Decree No. 1 of 1992 establishing Dubai Electricity and Water Authority and its amendments,

Decree No. 22 of 2009 On Special Development Zones in the Emirate of Dubai,

Regulation No. 4 of 2009 organizing work on the Roads of the Emirate of Dubai, and its Executive Order,

And the legislation regulating free zones in the Emirate of Dubai,

Do hereby issue the following Law:

Definitions:

Article 1

The following words and expressions in this Law shall have the meaning indicated opposite each of them, unless the context implies otherwise:

Emirate	: The Emirate of Dubai.
Executive Council	: The Executive Council of the Emirate.
Authority	: Dubai Electricity & Water Authority
CEO	: Chief Executive Officer of DEWA.
General Network	: All stations, equipment, installations, systems, services lines and accessories owned or operated by the Authority including Communication Network.
Communication Network	: All cables, wired and wireless stations and other accessories and equipment of the Authority's communication system.

- Service Lines** : Transmission and distribution lines for water and electricity including ground, onshore and overheads and their accessories owned or operated by the Authority.
- Permit** : A document issued by the Authority including non-objection certificate allowing the Permitted Person to conduct any work or activities near the General Network or its Service Lines which may impact such lines or network.
- Permitted Person** : The person who has a Permit issued by the Authority.
- Person** : Any natural or legal person whether private or public.
- Concerned Authorities** : Government authorities responsible for planning, surveying, building, roads and other infrastructure services in the Emirate.

Scope of Application

Article 2

This Law applies to all the areas within the Emirate, including Special Development Zones, free zones including Dubai International Financial Center.

Objectives of the Law

Article 3

This Law is aiming at achieving the following objectives:

- 1- Protect electricity and water sector's infrastructure in the Emirate from any damages.
- 2- Maintain the General Network in a fully operational condition to meet the demand on electricity and water services.
- 3- Ensure the provision of high quality water and electricity services by the Authority.
- 4- Ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity and water services to the Authority's customers.

Powers of the Authority

Article 4

For the purposes of achieving the objectives of this Law, the Authority shall have the following duties and powers:

1. Taking necessary procedures and measures for the protection of the General Network in the Emirate.

2. Issuing Permits in accordance with the provisions, terms, conditions and procedures prescribed in this Law and the decisions issued pursuant thereto, and the legislations applicable in the Emirate.
3. Developing a system for green and black points for the Permitted Persons, setting the standards and conditions for calculating these points and the privileges and measures for these points.
4. Monitoring the compliance with this Law and the decisions issued pursuant thereto, and the compliance of the Permitted Person to the Permit conditions.
5. Receiving the complaints addressed to the Authority on any violations on the General Network and taking relevant procedures in coordination with the Concerned Authorities in the cases required so.
6. Setting necessary standards for the assessment of the value of the damages to the General Network as a result of violations by others.
7. Any other functions necessary for the protection of the General Network.

Issuance of Permits

Article 5

- a. No person may be permitted to work or conduct any activities in a manner that impacts the General Network unless he obtained a prior Permit from the Authority, and such Permit shall be issued based on the conditions and measures indicated by the Authority in this regard.
- b. The Concerned Authorities may, in case of emergency, commence any work and activities referred to in Clause (a) of this Article before obtaining a prior Permit from the Authority, provided that, they shall promptly advise and coordinate with the Authority before commencement of such work, and to apply for issuing the Permit within a period of maximum 24 hours from the commencement of such work.
- c. All excavation, construction, demolition, paving and maintenance works of whatever nature shall be conducted in the public roads and open areas and districts to which the Authority decided to deliver its services, as per the drawings, plans and schedule determined by the Authority in coordination with the Concerned Authorities. However, this shall be in line with applicable legislations within the Emirate of Dubai.
- d. The Concerned Authorities may not permit any construction, extension or any other works that may impact the General Network, before obtaining the Authority's prior consent. Such consent shall be issued as per the conditions and procedure set by the Authority in this regard.

Obligations of the Permitted Person

Article 6

The Permitted Person shall be obliged to comply with the following:

- 1- Terms and Conditions stated in the Permit.
- 2- Making Permit documents available at the work site.
- 3- Appointing a competent person for overseeing the work progress at the work site and be always attending during working hours.
- 4- Advising the Authority with working schedule 48 hours before land leveling or starting of work at the site.
- 5- Taking all means and measures necessary for assuring the protection and safety of the General Network based on the standards adopted by the Authority, and particularly:
 - (a) Providing cable detectors on site.
 - (b) Work on site should not be commenced unless necessary trail holes test is made as specified by the Authority.
 - (c) Fixing temporary signboards showing the routing of the cables and water lines.
 - (d) Diverting or protecting Service Lines existed under the ground or pavements in coordination with the Concerned Authorities and as set in the content of the Permit.
- 6- Carrying out his work on site as per the plans and schedule adopted by the Authority.
- 7- Timing specified in the Permit during work on site.
- 8- Not to damage or compromise the safety of the General Network.
- 9- Notifying the Authority immediately in case his work contravenes with the General Network and any damage afflicts it, and to cease work in site until the Authority competent staff identified the procedure and process required to be done.
- 10- Removing reasons for violation caused by him within the grace period provided by the Authority.
- 11- Any other obligations set by the Authority pursuant to the decisions issued by the Authority in this regard.

Obligations of Property's Landlords and Occupants

Article 7

All landlords and occupants of the properties in the areas where the Authority supply electricity and water services or extend its Service Lines shall comply with the following:

- 1- Allowing the Authority to extend Service Lines over, under or through the real property using the method adopted by the Authority in this regard, provided that such method would

not prevent from utilizing the property or burdening its owner or occupant or possessor any costs.

- 2- Allowing access to Authority or authorized personnel to enter their properties to conduct studies, examine equipment and internal fixtures as per approved conditions by the Authority in this regard.
- 3- Avoiding any actions that may affect the General Network, any tools, connections, or equipment related to water and electricity services provided by the Authority. If the circumstances necessitate the connection or disconnection of water or electricity service, the Authority must be informed in advance to handle such cases by its personnel.
- 4- Obligations and requirements set by the Authority to protect the safety of its network.
- 5- A prior Permit shall be obtained from the Authority in case of any modifications to the property which may affect the electricity loads or the General Network.
- 6- Any other obligations set by the Authority according to any decisions issued in this regards.

Prohibited Actions

Article (8)

Any person shall be prohibited from causing any damage to the Authority's General Network or any of its Services Lines or using them illegally in whatsoever way and in particular the following actions:

- 1- Illegal use of utility services or stealing any of the General Network's equipment or assets.
- 2- Damaging any of the General Network's properties or assets, including cutting or exposing or using water pipelines or electricity cables.
- 3- Parking vehicles in the vicinity of overhead lines, water pipelines, or in front of power stations and substations entrances where parking is prohibited.
- 4- Tampering or transferring power cables, overhead lines or water pipelines without a prior approval from the Authority.
- 5- Storing or littering materials or waste in the vicinity of electricity services or water pipelines.
- 6- Building temporary chambers, foundations or obstruction in the vicinity of electricity lines or water pipelines services.
- 7- Exceeding the permissible height at work sites by vehicles and cranes or passing under overhead lines in prohibited areas.
- 8- Damaging Route Marker for cable routs or water pipelines.
- 9- Exposing the base and earthing cables for overhead lines.
- 10- Using unauthorized vehicles or machinery near services lines.
- 11- Installing any devices or connections between Authority's water meter and the water tank.
- 12- Fixing labels or announcement on the Authority's properties without a prior permission.
- 13- Entering any of the Authority's stations without a prior permission.

Fees

Article (9)

The Authority shall collect the fees as determined by the decision of the Chairman of the Executive Council for the issuance of Permits and services provided under this Law and decisions issued thereunder.

Penalties

Article (10)

A. Without prejudice to any other stronger penalty set forth by any other legislation, anyone who, in any way whatsoever, steals water, electricity, assets or properties of the General Network, shall be subject to imprisonment for a period of not less than three months and a penalty of not less than (AED 10,000) Ten Thousand Dirhams or one of the previously mentioned penalties.

B. Anyone who commits any of the acts set forth in the schedule attached with this Law shall be subject to the penalty attributed to each violation stated in the said schedule.

C. The penalty set forth in Clause B of this article shall be doubled if it is recurrent within one year of the former violation in amount not exceeding (AED 100,000/-) One Hundred Thousand Dirhams.

D. In addition to the penalty amount established in Clause B of this Article, the CEO or his representative may take any of the following measures against the violating person:

- 1- Suspension from work for a period not exceeding Six (6) months.
- 2- Cancellation of the Permit.
- 3- New Permits will not be issued during the period specified by the Authority.

E. The CEO or his representative may reconcile with regard to the penalty imposed on the violating party as per the terms and conditions set by the CEO in this regards.

F. The measures and penalties provided for in this Article shall not impede the Authority from claiming against the violating person the value of the stolen or wasted electricity or water due to the violation committed by him.

Judicial Officers

Article (11)

Employees of the Authority who are appointed pursuant to decision of the CEO shall function as judicial officers to identify any violation to the provisions of this Law and the decisions issued thereunder. For this purpose, Judicial Officers shall have the right to draft violation reports and seek the assistance of police.

Compensation

Article (12)

Without prejudice to the application of the established penalty under this Law and resolutions issued thereunder, any person who causes damage to the General Network shall compensate the Authority for those damages. The amount of compensation shall be decided by the Authority in addition to the amount of 10% of the compensation as an

Administrative Fees. The estimated amounts of compensations by the Authority shall be final.

**Objection
Article (13)**

Any concerned person may submit to the CEO a written objection to the decisions, actions or measures imposed on him under this Law within 30 (Thirty) Days from the date of said notice with decision, action or measures, and decision on the objection shall be taken with maximum period of 30 days by a committee formed by the CEO for such purpose and the decision of the committee shall be final.

**Accrual of Penalties and Fees
Article (14)**

Penalties, fees and compensations paid under the provisions of this Law shall accrue to the account of the Authority.

**Issuance of Executing Decisions
Article (15)**

The Chairman of the Executive Council shall issue the necessary decisions to execute the provisions of this Law.

**Repeals
Article (16)**

This Law shall supersede Law No. 2 of 1994 and any provision in any other legislation shall be repealed to the extent they contradict with the provisions of this Law,.

**Publication and Entry into Force
Article (17)**

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force on the day on which it is published.

**Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum,
Ruler of Dubai**

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Corresponding to 22 Jumada II, 1436 H.J.**

SCHEDULE
VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Violation Description	Penalty (In AED)
1- Performing works or activities near the General Network without obtaining Permit or with an expired Permit.	10000
2- Initiating work in an area, that the Authority is planning to provide it with utility services, in violation with the drawings plan or the work schedule set by the Authority.	10000
3- Violating the Permit's terms and conditions by the concerned person.	10000
4- Permit documents and drawing issued by DEWA not available at work site	5000
5- Qualified supervisor not appointed or available at site during the work to supervise the works at work site.	5000
6- Ground leveling works started without notifying DEWA 48 hours prior the initiation of works.	5000
7- Failure to take all necessary measures and means to protect the safety of the General Network as per approved standards by the Authority in this regard.	5000
8- Initiating works at the work site in violation to drawings and time schedule approved by the Authority.	5000
9- Causing damage or affecting the safety of the General Network	10000 and compensating the Authority for damages.
10- Failure to notify the Authority in case of any damage, or if the approved works are crossing with the General Network.	5000
11- Failure to remove the violation by the violating party within the period set by the Authority.	5000
12- Cables detectors are not available at the work site.	5000
13- Commencement of the work without taking trail holes at site	5000
14- Temporary signboards not installed to identify cables route and water pipelines.	5000
15- Obligations set in Article (7) of this Law are violated by the Landlord or occupants of properties in areas provided with services by the Authority	5000
16- Committing any of the prohibited actions stated in Article (8) of this Law.	10000
17- Refusing to comply with "Work Stop Notice" issued by the Authority or any of its authorized employees.	10000
18- Obstructing the Authority's employees work or authorized person for inspection	10000
19- Committing any action in violation with the provisions of this Law and issued decisions other than violations set in this schedule.	3000