



Electrical Focus 3

New Preliminary Notices and Notices of Completion

New Notices for notifying the relevant supply authority in accordance with Regulations 51 & 52 of the Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991, are now available from the Office of Energy or your local Supply Authority.

Preliminary Notice: for advising the supply authority that electrical installing work is about to commence.

Notice of Completion: for advising the supply authority that electrical installing work other than minor work has been completed.

Notice of Completion Minor Work: for advising the supply authority that electrical installing work (minor work) has been completed.

Facsimiles of the new notices are provided in this Bulletin.

Although it is not mandatory to include the meter number on the Notice of Completion - Minor Work, electrical contractors are encouraged to provide this information as it will help in the processing of the form by the supply authority.

These notices are now the only notices that are approved by the Director of Energy Safety, for use throughout Western Australia after 1 March 1996.

Note: Where an existing Preliminary Notice is submitted prior to 1 March 1996, the matching existing Notice of Completion may be submitted where the work is completed after this date.

Unlicensed Electrical Work

Over the last 12 months, 27 warnings have been issued and 9 persons successfully prosecuted regarding unlicensed electrical work.

Also, in the past two years, three unlicensed persons have been electrocuted while carrying out do-it-yourself electrical installing work.

The Office of Energy will soon be commencing an advertising program to once again reinforce the dangers that do-it-yourself persons face when carrying out such work. The Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991 prohibit electrical installing work being carried out without the appropriate electrical licence. The Office of Energy enforces these requirements.

Electrical contractors are requested to report instances of such work to the relevant supply authority.

ECA Excellence Awards

The ECA recently held their 1995 excellence awards at the Golden Ballroom in the Sheraton Hotel on 2nd September 1995.

The Office of Energy was proud to be a sponsor and associated with the awards and congratulate the winners who were:

Small Commercial under \$250,000 Category

Matthew Hall Pty Ltd

- *Burswood International Room*

General Contracting over \$250,000, Category

Everett Smith

- *Galleria Morley*

Industrial/Specialist Projects Category

RM Lee (WA) Pty Ltd

- *Bronzewing Gold Mine*

Small Contractor Category

Gorey Electrical Service

Electrical Industry Presentations

Staff of the Office of Energy recently conducted a series of Electrical Industry Presentations throughout the State. Electrical supervisors, consultants, contractors, workers and others in the electrical industry, were invited to attend one of the Presentations held at Port Hedland, Karratha, Sorrento, Cannington, Geraldton, Bunbury, Kalgoorlie and Albany.

The Presentations took the form of a two hour seminar to address many of the changes that have occurred to the electrical industry since the Office of Energy commenced on 1 January 1995. Issues that were addressed included:

- then role of the Technical and Safety Division of the Office of Energy
- licensing matters
- standards and publications
- inspection issues

The seminar was also a convenient forum for those attending to discuss issues that impact into their respective businesses.

The Presentations were supported by the Electrical Development Association in the form of a number of interesting and informative trade exhibits.

High Voltage and Earth Sheath Return Installations

Proposed high voltage (HV) installing work, including alterations to existing HV installations, and earth sheath return (ESR) installing work is to be notified to the supply authority (W.A. Electrical Requirements).

Western Power has advised that details of proposed HV and ESR installations that are to be connected to its distribution system are to be forwarded to:

Distribution Services Branch

Inspection Section
North or South Area Office

North Area Office

7 Cressall Road
Balcatta

South Area Office

Harrison Road
Forrestfield

Safety Brochures

The Office of Energy recently produced a range of electrical safety brochures:

- Electric Shock Survival
- Playing it Safe with Cords and Plugs
- Electric Arc Welders
- Care and Safety of Electrical Appliances
- Watch Out for Power Lines Above When You're Working Below
- Using Electricity Safely in Caravans and Tents