

IN THE GRENFELL TOWER INQUIRY

WITNESS STATEMENT OF SCOTT PETER CRAIG

I, Scott Peter Craig, WILL SAY:

I make this statement about the fire in Grenfell Tower on 21st September 2020. At the present time, I am not a core participant to the Inquiry. The evidence contained within this statement is within my own knowledge unless otherwise stated.

1. What was the period of RGE's involvement with maintenance, servicing and/or repair works at Grenfell Tower?

RGE Services Ltd began working with KCTMO in 2009. Our contracts end date was the 31st of March 2014. This had been a typical five-year contract. Grenfell Tower was one address from of a large property portfolio within the contracts.

2. What was the nature of RGE's involvement with the servicing, maintenance and/or repair works at Grenfell Tower? Specifically:

- a. What maintenance, servicing and/or repair work was undertaken by RGE at Grenfell Tower?

RGE Services Ltd had 3 contracts with KCTMO.
They were electrical domestic, electrical communal and fire services contracts.
Grenfell tower was included across all 3 contracts during the 5-year period.

b. How often did RGE attend Grenfell Tower? Please state the dates of any planned service visits or reactive maintenance/repair visits to Grenfell Tower.

PPM dates would have been agreed with KCTMO in 2009 for the duration of the contracts and managed monthly during their duration. A PPM planner would have been a live document and held within the Dropbox thus giving KCTMO live and constant access. Reports were submitted to KCTMO within 7 days of completion. Hard copies of the reports were left on site and a site logbook updated accordingly. The KCTMO would also issue reactive works orders to instruct specific reactive works to attend site for various requirements.

c. How would any such maintenance, servicing and/or repair work undertaken be recorded by RGE?

Records of reports left on site, logbook updated, and reports issued to KCTMO within 7 days of completion via DropBox.

d. What information regarding maintenance, servicing and/or repair work by RGE was provided to the TMO?

PPM annual planners were in place to provide dates both previous and post. Reports and site evidence were issued to the KCTMO within 7 days through the cloud-based data transfer Dropbox supported by RGE.

e. What coordination was there between RGE's maintenance visits and any safety testing being carried out by the TMO itself (for instance as regards an occupier's test of installed emergency lighting)?

Contract PPM programmes were available to KCTMO via drop box.
We cannot comment to the onsite testing carried out by KCTMO.

3. The 'Scope of Works' document previously provided by RGE refers to RGE ('the contractor') as responsible for carrying out the works detailed with the document. The 'Scope of Works' document does not, however, detail such works. Please confirm what these works were.

The electrical contracts included Electrical Installation Condition Reports (EICR) covering all fixed wiring. This involved ensuring that cabling, plug sockets, light switches and consumer units were adequate for use in both dwellings and communal areas. The fire contract includes an annual program of fire alarm tests, which would have taken place around four times a year, and maintenance of the fire extinguishers. The contract covered a wide portfolio of properties and was not specific to Grenfell Tower.

4. Please can you explain the nature of the document '1 NEC 3', provided by RGE and dated June 2005? What is the significance of this document to the work undertaken by RGE at Grenfell Tower?

The document is a standard NEC agreement and is not specific to Grenfell Tower.

5. The 'Acceptance of Tender' letter sent to RGE from the TMO, dated 28 July 2009, states that the acceptance of RGE's tender submission is subject to various conditions, including "that a formal Contract relating to the Works has been properly executed and completed". Please could RGE (i) confirm whether such a formal contract was completed and (ii) provide a copy of the contract?

No copy of the formal contract was received.

6. During its engagement by the TMO, what was RGE's involvement with the smoke control system at Grenfell Tower? Specifically:
- a. What maintenance, servicing and/or repair work did RGE undertake in relation to the smoke control system?

The smoke vent system was not on the PPM planner.

- b. What testing was carried out by RGE in relation to the smoke control system?

We received ad-hoc orders from the KCTMO to instruct their specialist contractor via our contract and did so when asked to.

- c. What was RGE's understanding of the working state of the smoke control system?

We cannot comment due to not being part of our PPM works.

- d. To whom did RGE communicate its findings about the smoke control system?

All findings/reports were uploaded to Dropbox and supplied to the KCTMO, including duplicate copies left on site and logbooks updated.

7. In relation to the RGE Maintenance Report titled 'Grenfell Tower Smoke Vent System', sent by Simon Coleman of RGE to Matt Smith of Max Fordham on 23 January 2014, please confirm:

- a. When did this report date from?

We cannot confirm the date of the report or site attendance. Such a request would have been supplied from the KCTMO on a reactive basis.

- b. What was the purpose of the report?

At the request of the client.

- c. Did RGE produce other maintenance reports regarding the smoke control system? If so, please indicate the date of these reports and provide copies.

Not to our knowledge.

8. On 22 January 2014 Simon Coleman of RGE carried out a demonstration of the existing smoke control system at Grenfell Tower. Please confirm:

- a. What did this demonstration involve?

We cannot comment what happened on site.
It is not unusual for a non-technical client to request the attendance of a member of our team to assist and show them user operation.

- b. Who was present?

We cannot comment and would be unsure. This is not something that would have been relevant.

- c. Was the smoke control system working?

We cannot comment. The reports would have been passed to the KCTMO staff on site.

- d. If the system was not working, (i) for how long had this been the case, and (ii) what was RGE's understanding of the reasons for this?

See above answer.

9. What further involvement did RGE have in relation to the smoke control system at Grenfell Tower?

No further attendances to Grenfell Tower were made.

The contract expired in March 2014.

All updates, reports, certificates, and asset data were provided to KCTMO via DropBox.

Publication

I understand that my statement will form part of the Inquiry record and will be published on the website for the Inquiry.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed:



Dated: 21/09/2020

Scott Peter Craig