

THE ELECTRICITY DEVELOPMENT ACT

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SCHEDULE

THE ELECTRICITY DEVELOPMENT ACT

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39 of 1971.

[1st October, 1958.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Electricity Development Act. Short title.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpreta-
tion.

“apparatus” means electrical apparatus and includes all apparatus, machines, consuming devices and fittings in which conductors are used or of which they form a part;

“Authority” means the Electricity Authority established under section 3;

“Authority installation” or “Authority undertaking” means an installation or undertaking the property of, or operated by, the Authority;

“authorized undertakers” and “undertakers” mean any local authority, company or person who has been by the Electric Lighting Act authorized to supply electricity within any area;

“Chairman” means the person designated to be the Chairman of the Authority under this Act;

“conductor” means any wire, cable, bar or tube arranged to be connected to an electrical system and used for conducting electrical energy;

“consumer” means any person supplied, or entitled to be supplied, with electrical energy by the Authority, and includes any person who, being under no disability and being competent to receive a supply, is willing to enter into a contract with the Authority for electrical energy to be supplied to him at a

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point within the Authority's area of supply on the terms and subject to the conditions generally prevailing for such contracts within the Authority's area of supply;

"electrical fittings" includes electric fittings, apparatus and appliances for lighting, heating and power and for all purposes for which electricity can or may be used;

"electrical system" means an electrical system in which all the conductors and apparatus are electrically or magnetically connected;

"generating station" means any station for generating electricity, including any buildings and plant used for the purpose, and the site thereof, but does not include any station for transforming, converting or distributing energy;

"generator" means a machine of any type for changing mechanical energy into electrical energy;

"immovable property" includes—

- (a) land;
- (b) buildings and other erections, structures or fixtures affixed to any land or to any building or other erection or structure;
- (c) trees, vines, and any other thing whatsoever planted or growing upon any land and any produce thereof before severance;
- (d) springs, wells, water and water rights whether held together with, or independently of, any land;
- (e) privileges, liberties, easements and any other rights and advantages whatsoever appertaining or reputed to appertain to any land or to any building or other erection or structure;

(f) an undivided share in any property hereinbefore set out;

“installation” means the whole of any plant or apparatus under one ownership or, where a management is prescribed, in the charge of the management, designed for the generation, supply or use, as the case may be, of electricity, including prime movers, if any, with all necessary plant, buildings and land in connection therewith, pipe lines, supply lines and consuming apparatus, if any;

“local authority” means—

- (a) a Parish Council constituted under the Parish Councils Act; or
- (b) the Council of the Kingston and Saint Andrew Corporation constituted under the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation Act;

“member of the Authority” includes the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, a temporary Chairman, a temporary Deputy Chairman and any temporary member of the Authority;

“property” includes movable and immovable property;

“supply line” means a conductor or conductors or other means of transmitting or distributing electricity, together with any casing, coating, covering, tube, pipe, insulator or post enclosing, surrounding or supporting the same or any part thereof, or any building or apparatus connected therewith for the purpose of transforming, transmitting or distributing electricity;

“transformation” means the transformation of voltage from a lower to a higher voltage or vice versa.

3.—(1) There is hereby established a body to be called the Electricity Authority which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and with

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power to acquire, hold and dispose of property, to enter into contracts, to sue and be sued in its said name and to do all things necessary for the purposes of this Act:

Provided that, during the subsistence of a guarantee given under section 8, the Authority shall not alienate, mortgage, charge or demise any of its immovable property without the approval of the Minister.

Schedule.

(2) The provisions of the Schedule shall have effect as to the constitution, operations and expenses of the Authority and otherwise in relation thereto.

(3) The seal of the Authority shall be authenticated in the manner prescribed in the Schedule and shall be judicially and officially noticed.

Functions
of the
Authority.

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act it shall be the duty of the Authority to—

- (a) prepare and submit to the Minister proposals for the establishment of an efficient, co-ordinated and economical system of electricity generation and supply capable of meeting the needs for electricity throughout the Island;
- (b) prepare and submit for the approval of the Minister detailed schemes for the development and supply of electricity in particular areas, and to carry out such schemes when they are approved;
- (c) generate electricity and maintain and work Authority installations or Authority undertakings;
- (d) promote and encourage the development and use of the resources of the Island in connection with the generation of electricity;
- (e) promote and encourage the use of electricity and especially the use thereof in agricultural, commer-