



THE KARACHI ELECTRICITY CONTROL ACT, 1952



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¹ACT NO. LVII OF 1952

[14th December, 1952]

An Act to provide for the continuance of powers to control the production, distribution, use and consumption of electrical energy.

WHEREAS it is necessary to provide for the continuance of powers to control the production, distribution, use and consumption of electrical energy in the ²[Karachi Division];

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.—(1) This Act may be called the Karachi Electricity Control Act, 1952.

(2) It extends to the ³[Karachi Division].

(3) It shall come into force at once, and shall be deemed to have taken effect in the ²[Karachi Division] immediately on the expiry of the Sind Electricity Control Act, 1947 (Sind Act III of 1947).

2. Definition of “licensee”. In this Act “licensee” shall have the meaning assigned to it in clause (h) of section 2 of the Electricity Act, 1910 ([IX of 1910](#)).

3. Control of production, distribution, etc., of electrical energy.—(1) The ⁴[Provincial Government] so far as it appears to it to be necessary or expedient for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community may by order ⁵provide for—

(a) regulating or prohibiting the production, distribution, use or consumption

¹ For Statement of Objects and Reasons see Gaz. of P., 1952, Pt. IX, p. 28.

² Subs. by A. O., 1964, Art. 2 and Sch., for “Federal Territory of Karachi” which had been subs. by the Repealing and Amending Ordinance, 1961 (1 of 1961), s. 3 and 2nd Sch., for “Federal Capital”.

³ Subs. *ibid* “for “Federal Territory of Karachi” which had been subs. by Ord. 1 of 1961, s. 3, and 2nd Sch., for “Capital of the Federation”.

⁴ Subs. *ibid.*, for “Central Government”.

⁵ For the Karachi Electricity Rates Order, 1953, see Gaz. of P. Ext., 1953, pp. 717-718, and *ibid.*, 1957, Pt. V, p. 44.

of electrical energy ;

- (b) regulating the rates which may be charged by any undertaking for supplying electrical energy and for relaxing any maximum or minimum limits otherwise imposed on such rates;
- (c) the levy by a licensee, notwithstanding any stipulation to the contrary contained in any agreement, of a surcharge under specified circumstances on the price charged in respect of supply of electrical energy ;
- (d) collecting any information or statistics for the purpose of any of the matters mentioned in the preceding clauses;
- (e) any incidental or supplementary matter for which it thinks expedient for the purpose of any such order to provide including, in particular—
 - (i) the entering and inspection of premises to which the order relates with a view to securing compliance therewith;
 - (ii) the grant or issue of a licence, permit, certificate or other document and the charging of a fee therefor.

(2) An order made under sub-section (1) may apply either to persons or undertakings generally or to any particular person or undertaking or class of persons or undertakings and either to the whole or any part of any undertaking, and so as to have effect either generally or in any particular area.

4. Delegation of Powers.—(1) The ¹[Provincial Government] may by order direct that any power conferred on it by section 3 shall, in such circumstances and under such conditions if any, as may be specified in the direction, be exercised by any officer or authority subordinate to it.

¹Subs. by A. O., 1964, Art. 2 and Sch., for "Central Government".