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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 1 October 2018 and assented to by the President on 31 October 2018:—

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No. 42 of 2018.

I assent.



HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
31 October 2018.

An Act to amend the Electricity Act (Chapter 89A of the 2002 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Electricity (Amendment) Act 2018 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Electricity Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “section 64(3) or 98(2)” in the definition of “Appeal Panel” and substituting the words “section 65”;

(b) by deleting paragraph (a) of the definition of “earthworks” and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(a) any act of excavating earth, rock or other material (by whatever means);

(aa) any act done on, in or under the ground in connection with —

(i) any work for or relating to the construction, reconstruction, extension, renovation, alteration, demolition or repair of any building, road, railway, bridge, viaduct, flyover, sewer or sewerage works;

(ii) any work for or relating to the laying, inspecting, repairing or renewing of any main, pipe, cable, fitting or other apparatus;

(iii) any soil investigation work; or

(iv) such other works as are usually undertaken by a person carrying on business as a contractor in the construction industry or as a professional civil or structural engineer;”;

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- (c) by deleting the words “earth rod” in paragraph (c) of the definition of “earthworks” and substituting the words “bar, rod, pole, picket”;
 - (d) by deleting paragraph (a) of the definition of “electrical installation” and substituting the following paragraph:
 - “(a) any electric line, supply line or electrical plant —
 - (i) of a transmission licensee for the transmission of electricity; or
 - (ii) of a generation licensee for the generation of electricity;”;
 - (e) by deleting the definition of “electricity cable” and substituting the following definition:
 - ““electricity cable” means a length of insulated single conductor or of 2 or more such conductors, whether or not the conductor or conductors are provided with an overall covering for mechanical protection, and —
 - (a) all other apparatus or devices connected to the conductor or conductors, as the case may be (including by any remote or wireless means); and
 - (b) any data communication cable used to monitor or control the transmission of electricity;”;
 - (f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “market support services licensee”, the following definitions:
 - ““meter” means any device for measuring the flow of electricity;

“meter installation” means any meter and, if so equipped, its associated equipment, apparatus, device and installation, including any self-contained meter transformers, wiring, seal, meter test terminal block, test links, fuses, lamps, data recorders, circuit breakers, and communication modems required to provide remote access to the metered data so that readings from the meter can be taken;”;
and

(g) by deleting the words “by a transmission licensee” in the definition of “transmission system”.

Amendment of section 6

3. Section 6(1) of the Electricity Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “or” at the end paragraph (f); and

(b) by deleting the comma at the end of paragraph (g) and substituting the word “; or”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(h) carry on such other activity relating to electricity as the Minister may, by order in the *Gazette*, specify,”.

Amendment of section 9

4. Section 9(1) of the Electricity Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (f); and

(b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (g) and substituting the word “; or”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(h) for the purpose mentioned in paragraph (h) of section 6(1), carry on such activity relating to electricity as may be specified in any order made under that paragraph.”.

Amendment of section 10

5. Section 10 of the Electricity Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “for the purpose of allowing the consumer”, the words “(if the consumer remains a contestable consumer under section 41(1))”.

New section 20A

6. The Electricity Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 20, the following section:

“Connections to electrical plants

20A.—(1) The Authority may direct any electricity licensee (*E*) to allow a transmission licensee to connect any electrical plant or electric line of the transmission licensee, to any of *E*’s electrical plants, if the Authority considers the connection necessary —

- (a) in the public interest; or
- (b) to ensure the security and reliability of the supply of electricity to the public.

(2) For the purpose of subsection (1), the direction may —

- (a) require *E* to allow the transmission licensee to enter the premises of *E* for the purposes of making and maintaining the connection, and not to do or suffer to be done anything which may prevent the transmission licensee from making and maintaining the connection; and
- (b) require *E* and the transmission licensee to enter into an agreement after the connection under paragraph (a) has been made, within the time specified in the direction, for the purpose of maintaining the connection and reasonably compensating *E* for any loss suffered as a result of the connection,

and *E* and the transmission licensee must comply with a direction under subsection (1) to the extent that it relates to either of them.