

# **Public Utilities (Amendment) Bill**

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### Public Utilities (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Public Utilities Act (Chapter 211 of the 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 may be cited as the Public Utilities (Amendment) Act, 1972, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

#### Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Public Utilities Act (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is hereby amended by deleting the definition of “energy” appearing therein and substituting therefor the following: —

““electricity” means electrical power when generated, transmitted, supplied or used for any purpose except the transmission of any communication or signal;”.

#### Amendment of section 5

3. Subsection (1) of section 5 of the principal Act is hereby deleted and the following substituted therefor: —

“(1) The Board shall consist of —

- (a) a Chairman, to be appointed by the Minister;
- (b) not less than five but not more than ten members who shall not be public officers, to be appointed by the Minister; and
- (c) a public officer, to be appointed by the Minister.”.

### **Amendment of section 10**

4. Subsection (1) of section 10 of the principal Act is hereby deleted and the following substituted therefor: —

“(1) A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board and no business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.”.

### **Amendment of section 15**

5. Section 15 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the expression “light,” appearing in the third lines of paragraphs (a), (b) and (e) of subsection (2) thereof; and
- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (2) thereof the following subsection: —

“(2A) In addition to the functions and duties imposed by this section, the Board may undertake such other functions as the Minister may assign to the Board and in so doing the Board shall be deemed to be fulfilling the purposes of this Act and the provisions of this Act shall apply to the Board in respect of such functions.”.

### **New section 16A**

6. The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately after section 16 thereof the following section: —

#### **“Incorporated private companies may be formed**

**16A.** The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, cause to be formed, under the provisions of any written law for the time being in force relating to companies, an incorporated company or companies for the purpose of carrying out any or all of the functions of the Board.”.

### **Repeal and re-enactment of section 17**