

**THE ELECTRICITY (FREQUENCY CONVERSION)
ACT**

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THE ELECTRICITY (FREQUENCY CONVERSION)
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1. This Act may be cited as the Electricity (Frequency Conversion) Act. Short title.

2. In this Act—

“Commission” means the Commission established under section 3;

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tion.

“consumer” means a consumer of electricity supplied by an undertaker but does not include a private supplier:

Provided that a private supplier who consumes electricity supplied by an undertaker shall be a consumer within the meaning of this Act only so far as relates to the electrical apparatus required for the consumption of electricity so supplied;

“cost of conversion” means—

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- (a) the cost of altering or replacing the electrical apparatus of the undertaker and the consumers in the area affected by a scheme; and
- (b) any other expenditure reasonably and necessarily caused by, or incurred in connection with, the altering or replacing of such electrical apparatus as aforesaid or the financing of the conversion and determined by the Minister to be an item of expenditure which may be included in the cost of conversion;

“electrical apparatus” includes all plant, equipment, apparatus and appliances of whatever description designed

for the generating, transforming, transmitting, distributing, supplying or consuming of electricity;

"electricity" means electrical energy generated, transmitted, supplied or used for any purpose;

"private supplier" means a person authorized by the Electric Lighting Act to generate electricity and use it solely for his own purposes which purposes may include supply to his employees;

"scheme" means a scheme approved pursuant to section 4;

"undertaker" means any local authority or other person who, by the Electric Lighting Act, is authorized to generate electricity and supply it to the public but shall not include a private supplier.

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3.—(1) For the purposes of this Act there shall be established a body to be known as the Electricity Frequency Standardization Commission.

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

(3) The Commission shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal with power to purchase, take, hold and dispose of land and other property of whatever kind for the purposes of this Act.

(4) The Commission may sue and be sued in their corporate name and may for all purposes be described by such name.

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

(6) The Commission shall appoint such officers and servants as they may consider expedient for securing the proper discharge of their functions under this Act.

(7) No member of the Commission shall be personally liable for any act or default of the Commission done or omitted to be done in good faith in the course of the operations of the Commission.

4.—(1) The Commission shall, as soon as practicable, prepare a number of schemes each relating to the area of supply of the undertaker who is specified therein—

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(a) requiring the undertaker within such time as may be stated in the scheme and to the satisfaction of the Commission—

(i) to provide in his undertaking for the generation and supply of electricity at a frequency of fifty cycles; and

(ii) to make such alteration in, or replacement of, his electrical apparatus and the electrical apparatus of consumers in the area of supply as may be necessary to carry this change of frequency into effect;

(b) containing an estimate of the cost of conversion;

(c) containing such supplemental, incidental and consequential provisions as may appear necessary or expedient for giving effect to the purpose of this Act.

(2) In subsection (1) the expression “area of supply” means the area or areas comprised in any licence or licences granted under the Electric Lighting Act and held by an undertaker.

(3) In the preparation of every scheme made under this section the Commission shall consult with the undertaker in the area affected by the proposed scheme.

(4) The undertaker and every consumer in the area affected by a proposed scheme shall render to the Commission all such assistance by way of information and other-

wise as is necessary for the purpose of preparing the scheme and lies within his power to render.

(5) Every scheme prepared under the provisions of this section shall be submitted by the Commission to the Minister for his approval and, upon his approval being obtained, it shall be the duty of the undertaker, from such date as may be notified to him by the Commission, to carry the scheme into effect to the satisfaction of the Commission.

(6) If the Commission are satisfied that there is not available, and cannot be made available, to a particular undertaker sufficient technical staff to enable that undertaker satisfactorily to carry the scheme into effect, the Commission may, with the approval of the Minister, undertake the duty of giving effect to the scheme and, for this purpose, may engage such personnel, acquire such electrical apparatus, enter into such contracts and do all such other things as may be necessary for that purpose.

(7) For the purpose of giving effect to any scheme it shall be lawful for the undertaker or, if effect is being given to the scheme by the Commission, for the Commission—

- (a) to alter or replace such electrical apparatus belonging to consumers within the area affected by the scheme as may be necessary; and
- (b) to agree with any such consumer that the alteration or replacement of his electrical apparatus for the purpose of the scheme shall be done by him upon such terms and conditions as, subject to the provisions of this Act and the scheme, may be agreed or, in default of agreement, as may, in either case, be determined by the Commission:

Provided that it shall be a term of any such agreement that the consumer shall be paid a reasonable amount for the cost incurred by him in