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An Act to license and regulate the provision of district cooling services in service areas.

[1 April 2001]

# PART 1

#### **PRELIMINARY**

#### Short title

1. This Act is the District Cooling Act 2001.

# Interpretation

- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires
  - "air conditioning" means the process of treating air so as to control simultaneously its temperature, humidity, cleanliness and distribution to meet the requirements of the conditioned space;
  - "apparatus" means any appliance or equipment including any machine, device, fitting or any accessory thereof used for the purpose of or in connection with the provision or use of district cooling services;
  - "authorised officer" means any person authorised by the Authority under section 3(2);

- "Authority" means the Energy Market Authority of Singapore established under the Energy Market Authority of Singapore Act 2001;
- "connection point" means a point, situated in or in immediate proximity to the premises to be provided with district cooling services, where a district cooling system is connected to an installation;
- "consumer" means a person who contracts with a licensee for the provision of district cooling services;
- "coolant" means chilled water or any other medium used for the purpose of providing district cooling services;
- "cooling load" means the air conditioning load of the consumer's installation;
- "district cooling pipe" means any pipe lying between the chiller or similar cooling unit of a district cooling system and a connection point;
- "district cooling service" means the sale of coolant for space cooling in a service area by a licensee operating a central plant capable of supplying coolant via pipe to more than one building in the service area;
- "district cooling system" means the whole of the facility used for or in connection with the provision of district cooling services comprising the district cooling plant, one or more chillers or similar cooling units, district cooling pipes and other apparatus including metering equipment but excluding the installation;
- "information memorandum" means a document to be submitted to the Authority disclosing the information stipulated in section 10(4)(c);
- "installation" means the whole of the consumer's cooling system up to the connection point where it is connected to the district cooling system but does not include the metering equipment;
- "licence" means a licence granted under section 10;