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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 may be cited as the Electricity (Amendment) Act 2006 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 Electricity Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “section 64” in the definition of “Appeal Panel” and substituting the words “section 64(3) or 98(2)”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “trade”, the following definition:

“ “transmission agent licensee” means a person authorised by an electricity licence to transmit electricity for or on behalf of a transmission licensee;”;
- (c) by deleting the definition of “transmission system” and substituting the following definition:

“ “transmission system” means a system of interconnected electric lines, electrical plants and substations used by a transmission licensee to transmit electricity;”;
- (d) by deleting the words “system which consists wholly or mainly of electric lines and electrical plants and is used for conveying electricity” in the definition of “transmit” and substituting the words “transmission system”.

Amendment of section 4

3. Section 4 of the Electricity Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) The power to require a person to furnish any document or information under subsection (1) includes the power —

 - (a) to require that person, or any person who is or was an officer or employee of his, to provide an explanation of the document or information;
 - (b) if the document or information is not furnished, to require that person to state, to the best of his knowledge and belief, where it is; and
 - (c) if the information is recorded otherwise than in legible form, to require the information to be made available to the Authority in legible form.”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (5), the following subsection:

“(5A) The Authority shall be entitled without payment to keep any document or information, or any copy or extract thereof, furnished to it under subsection (1) or obtained under subsection (5).”.

Amendment of section 5

4. Section 5 of the Electricity Act is amended by deleting subsections (3) and (4) and substituting the following subsections:

“(3) A person aggrieved by a notice under subsection (2)(b) may appeal to the Minister under section 98(1) within 7 days of the date of giving of the notice.

(4) Subsection (2) shall not prevent the Authority from disclosing any information or the contents of any document —

- (a) to any member, officer or employee of the Authority or any agent, consultant, committee or panel acting for or under the direction of the Authority;
- (b) to the Minister or any agent, consultant, committee or panel acting for or under the direction of the Minister;
- (c) to an Appeal Panel;
- (d) when required to do so by any court or under any written law; or
- (e) for the purposes of any criminal proceedings.”.

Amendment of section 6

5. Section 6 of the Electricity Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (b) of subsection (1), the following paragraph:

“(ba) transmit electricity for or on behalf of a transmission licensee (other than as an employee of the transmission licensee);”;

- (b) by inserting, immediately after “\$500,000” in subsection (2), the words “and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$12,500 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction”.

Amendment of section 8

6. Section 8(6) of the Electricity Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “transmission licensee”, the words “, a transmission agent licensee”.

Amendment of section 9

7. Section 9 of the Electricity Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (b) of subsection (1), the following paragraph:

“(ba) transmit electricity for or on behalf of a transmission licensee;”;

- (b) by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection:

“(2) No transmission licensee, transmission agent licensee or market support services licensee shall be granted an electricity licence to carry out any activity other than the transmission of electricity, the transmitting of electricity for or on behalf of a transmission licensee or the provision of market support services, respectively.”;

- (c) by deleting the word “and” at the end of subsection (7)(a)(vi);
- (d) by inserting, at the end of sub-paragraph (vii) of subsection (7)(a), the word “and”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(viii) where the electricity licensee is a transmission licensee, to carry out any work related to the development of a transmission system or the supply of electricity to any premises;”;
- (e) by deleting subsection (9).

Amendment of section 14

8. Section 14 of the Electricity Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “any direction”, the words “(including a direction under paragraph (a))”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “electricity licensee —” in the 7th line and substituting the words “electricity licensee do one or more of the following:”.

Repeal of section 15