

THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 1910

ACT NO. IX OF 1910

[18th March, 1910]

***An Act to amend the law relating to the supply and use of electrical energy.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to the supply and use of electrical energy; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title,
extent and
commencement

1. (1) This Act may be called the Electricity Act, 1910.

(2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, direct in this behalf.

Definitions

2. In this Act, expressions defined in the Telegraph Act, 1885, have the meanings assigned to them in that Act, and, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “aerial line” means any electric supply line which is placed above ground and in the open air:

(b) “area of supply” means the area within which alone a licensee is for the time being authorised by his license to supply energy:

* Throughout this Act, except otherwise provided, the words “Bangladesh”, “Government” and “Taka” were substituted, for the words “Pakistan”, “Central Government” or “Provincial Government” or “Central Government or the Provincial Government” or “Central Government or any Provincial Government” and “rupees” respectively by section 3 and 2nd Schedule of the Bangladesh Laws (Revision and Declaration) Act, 1973 (Act No. VIII of 1973).

- (c) “consumer” means any person who is supplied with energy by a licensee, or ¹[who is the owner or occupier of the premises which] are for the time being connected for the purposes of a supply of energy with the works of a licensee:
- (d) “daily fine” means a fine for each day on which an offence is continued after conviction therefor:
- (e) “distributing main” means the portion of any main with which a service line is, or is intended to be, immediately connected:
- (f) “electric supply-line” means a wire, conductor or other means used for conveying, transmitting or distributing energy together with any casing, coating, covering, tube, pipe or insulator enclosing, surrounding or supporting the same or any part thereof, or any apparatus connected therewith for the purpose of so conveying, transmitting or distributing such energy:
- (g) “energy” means electrical energy when generated, transmitted, supplied or used for any purpose ²[* * *]:
- (h) “licensee” means any person licensed under Part II to supply energy:
- (i) “main” means any electric supply-line through which energy is, or is intended to be, supplied by a licensee to the public:
- (j) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act:
- (k) “public lamp” means and electric-lamp used for the lighting of any street:

¹ The words “who is the owner or occupier of the premises which” were substituted, for the words “whose premises” by section 2 of the Electricity (Amendment) Ordinance, 1983 (Ordinance No. XLII of 1983).

² The words "except the transmission of a massage" were omitted by section 2 of the Electricity (Amendment) Act, 1993 (Act No. XXVIII of 1993).

- (l) “service line” means any electric supply-line through which energy is, or is intended to be, supplied by a licensee—
 - (i) to a single consumer either from a distributing main or immediately from the licensee’s premises, or
 - (ii) from a distributing main to a group of consumers on the same premises or on adjoining premises supplied from the same point of the distributing main.
- (m) “street” includes any way, road, lane, square, court, alley, passage or open space, whether a thoroughfare or not, over which the public have a right of way, and also the roadway and footway over any public bridge or cause-way: and
- (n) “works” includes electric supply-lines and any buildings, machinery or apparatus required to supply energy and to carry into effect the objects of a license granted under Part II.

PART II

SUPPLY OF ENERGY

Licenses

Grant of
licenses

3. (1) The Government may, on application made in the prescribed form and on payment of the prescribed fee (if any), grant to any person a license to supply energy in any specified area, and also to lay down or place electric supply-lines for the conveyance and transmission of energy,—

- (a) where the energy to be supplied is to be generated out-side such area from a generating station situated outside such area to the boundary of such area, or
- (b) where energy is to be conveyed or transmitted from any place in such area to any other place therein, across an intervening area not included therein, across such area.

(2) In respect of every such license and the grant thereof the following provisions shall have effect, namely:—

- (a) any person applying for a license under this Part shall publish a notice of his application in the prescribed