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AN ACT TO AMEND THE SRI LANKA ELECTRICITY

ACT, NO. 20 OF 2009

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist

Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Sri Lanka Electricity Short title.

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2. Section 2 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act (hereinafter Amendment of

referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended, section 2 of Act,

No. 20 of 2009.

by the repeal of subsection (1) of that section, and the

substitution therefor of the following subsection :—

“(1) The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka

(hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”) established

by the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka Act,

No. 35 of 2002, shall exercise, perform and discharge all

the powers, functions and duties as are conferred on or

assigned to the Commission by or under this Act.”.

3. The following new section is hereby inserted Insertion of new

immediately after section 2 of the principal enactment and section 2A in the

principal

shall have effect as section 2A of that enactment :— enactment.

“Delegation 2A. (1) (a) The Commisssion may delegate

of powers, any of its powers, duties and functions conferred

duties and

on or assigned to it by or under this Act, to any

functions of

the officer of the Commission for a specific purpose

Commission. and period as may be determined by the

Commission.

(b) The Commission may delegate any

power conferred on it by items 3, 4, 5 and 6 of

Schedule 1 of the Act to any Divisional

Secretary.

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(2) The officer to whom any power, duty or

function is delegated under subsection (1) shall

exercise, perform or discharge such power, duty

or function, subject to such directions as may

be given to such officer by the Commission.

(3) The Commission shall notwithstanding

any delegation made under subsection (1), have

the authority to exercise, perform or discharge

any power, duty or any function so delegated.”.

Amendment of 4. Section 8 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 8 of the

amended by the substitution for the words “provided that

principal

enactment. such person shall be required”, of the words “provided that

where such person is a company incorporated under the

Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007, such person shall be required”.

Amendment of 5. Section 9 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 9 of the

amended as follows :—

principal

enactment.

(1) by the insertion immediately after subsection (1)

of that section, the following new subsection :—

“(1A) Notwithstanding the provisions of

paragraph (c) of subsection (1), the eligibility

requirement specified in that paragraph shall not

be applicable to a company which, on the date of

the coming into force of this Act, is operating a

plant to generate electricity over and above the

generation capacity of 25MW, having a valid power

Purchase Agreement executed with the Ceylon

Electricity Board and which is in operation on the

date preceding the date of the coming into force of

this Act :

Provided that the non applicability of the eligibility

requirements in respect of a company as provided for

by this subsection, shall be in operation only during

the period of duration of the Power Purchase

Agreement referred to in that subsection.”; and

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(2) in paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of that section,

by the substitution for the words “the Government

holds more than”, of the words “the Government or

a public corporation holds more than”.

6. The following section is hereby inserted immediately Insertion of new

after section 9 of the principal enactment and shall have section 9A in the

principal

effect as section 9A of that enactment :—

enactment.

“Statutory 9A. (1) The Commission may, having regard

exemptions.

to :—

(a) the process adopted for generation of

electricity ;

(b) the quantity of electricity proposed

to be generated;

(c) the number of persons among whom the

electricity generated is to be

distributed;

(d) the location of the plant to be used for

the generation of electricity ; and

(e) any other criteria that the Commission

may consider appropriate,

by Order published in the Gazette, exempt

any person or category of persons from the

requirement of obtaining a licence for the

generation or distribution of electricity,

where such person engages in community

based electricity generating project on a

non-commercial basis.

(2) The period for which such exemption is

granted and the terms and conditions which

such exemption shall be subject to, shall be as

specified in such Order.

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(3) The Commission may withdraw an

exemption granted to any person or category

of persons under subsection (1), where such

person or category of persons :—

(a) have acted in violation of any term or

condition subject to which the

exemption was granted ; or

(b) commences to generate or distribute

electricity on a commercial basis.

(4) Where an exemption granted under this

section is withdrawn, the Commission shall by

notice published in such manner as the

Commission considers appropriate, disclose the

names of the person or category of persons

whose exemption is being withdrawn and

notify the persons affected by such withdrawal,

of the same.”.

Amendment of 7. Section 10 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 10 of the amended as follows :—

principal

enactment.

(1) in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution

for the words “on an application made for an

exemption by Order published in the Gazette,

exempt”, of the words “on application made for

that purpose, exempt”;

(2) by the repeal of subsection (2) of that section and

the substitution therefor of the following

subsection:—

“(2) The Commission shall issue to every person

or category of persons to whom an exemption under

subsection (1) is granted, a Certificate of Exemption

which shall be subject to such terms and conditions

and be effective for such period, as shall be

specified therein.”.

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(3) by the addition at the end of that section, of the

following new subsection :—

“(3) Within one week of the issue under

subsection (2) of a Certificate of Exemption to any

person or category of persons, it shall be the duty of

the Commission to publish by a notice in the

Gazette, the names of all such persons or category

of persons, as the case may be, to whom a Certificate

of Exemption was issued :

Provided that, if no Notice as required above is

published in the Gazette within the period

stipulated, the Certificate of Exemption granted

under subsection (2) shall be null and void and of

no force or avail in law.”.

(4) by the substitution for the marginal note to that

section, of the following marginal note :—

“Exemption

granted on

application.”.

8. Section 18 of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment of

amended by the insertion immediately after paragraph (b) of section 18 of the

that section, of the following new paragraph :— principal

enactment.

“(bb) requiring the licensee, where such licensee

seeks to distribute electricity to owners of condominium

parcels in any Condominium Property or Semi

Condominium Property, to enter into an agreement with

the management corporation of such Condominium

Property or the Semi Condominium Property, as the

case may be, established under the Apartment

Ownership Law, No. 11 of 1973, for the supply of

electricity to such owners, authorizing such management

corporation to recover service charges and monthly

charges from all such owners for the consumption of

electricity ;”.

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Amendment of 9. Section 19 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 19 of the amended as follows :—

principal

enactment.

(1) by the repeal of subsection (1) of that section and

the substitution therefor of the following :—

“(1) A licence shall be capable of being assigned

either in whole or part if it includes a condition

authorizing such assignment.”;

(2) by the insertion immediately after subsection (3)

of that section, of the following new subsection :—

“(3A) The Minister shall, where he is satisfied

that the Commission had complied with the

requirements imposed by subsection (3) and that

such purported assignment does not contravene the

provisions of subsection (6) of this section, grant

his consent for such assignment.”.

Amendment of 10. Section 22 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 22 of the amended as follows :—

principal

enactment.

(1) in subsection (1) of that section by the substitution

for the words and figure “under section 10” of the

words and figures “under sections 9A and 10”;

(2) by the addition at the end of that section, of the

following new subsection :—

“(3) The Commission shall by notice published

in the Gazette, publish the names of all persons or

category of persons whose exemption is revoked

under paragraph (a) or the name of any person out

of any category of persons whose exemption

withdrawn under paragraph (b), of subsection (1) of

this section.”.

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11. Section 27 of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment of

amended as follows :— section 27 of the

principal

enactment.

(1) by the repeal of subsection (1) of that section and

the substitution therefor of the following

subsection:—

“(1) Where any electrical line or electrical plant

is provided by the distribution licensee for the

purpose of connect and supply of electricity to any

person requiring a supply of electricity under

section 25, the licensee may require any expenses

reasonably incurred in providing the line or plant

or the connect and supply of electricity to the person

concerned, to be defrayed by such person, to such

extent as is allowed by the conditions of the

distribution licence.”; and

(2) by the insertion immediately after subsection (1)

of that section, of the following new subsections:—

“(1A) Where any person who requires a supply of

electricity under section 25 but has not sufficient

means to defray the expenses incurred by the

distribution licensee under subsection (1), such

person may request the distribution licensee to

connect and supply the electricity to the premises

concerned, on the basis of recovering such expenses

in reasonable monthly instalments along with the

tariff and any other charges levied by the

distribution licensee, as per the standard tariff

agreement.

(1B) Where the distribution licensee is satisfied

that a person as referred to in subsection (1A) has

not the sufficient means to defray in total the

expenses incurred by the licensee, prior to providing

the line or plant or connect and supply of electricity

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to the premises concerned, such person shall be

required to enter into an agreement with the

distribution licensee relating to the manner in which

the expenses would be defrayed by him to the

distribution licensee, before the line or plant or

connect and supply of electricity to the premises is

been attended to by the distribution licensee.

(1C) The information required by the distribution

licensee for the purpose of being satisfied as

provided for in subsection (1B), that a person has

not the sufficient means to defray any expenses

incurred by such licensee, shall be based on such

guidelines as shall be prescribed.”.

Amendment of 12. Section 39 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 39 of the amended as follows :—

principal

enactment.

(1) by the insertion immediately after subsection (2)

of that section, of the following new subsection :—

“(2A) In mediating and resolving any dispute

under subsection (2), the Commission may where it

considers it expendient to do so, refer such dispute

for purpose of resolution to a Panel of Mediators

consisting of three persons appointed by the

Commission, one of whom shall be either a member

of the Commission or a member of the staff of the

Commission or a public officer, who shall function

as the Chairman of such Panel. The Panel of

Mediators shall make every endeavour to resolve

the dispute referred to it and bring about a

settlement among the parties to the dispute and

conclude its deliberations within the time, as shall

be specified by the Commission.”; and

(2) in subsection (3) of that section, by the substitution

for the words “by rules made under the Public

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and this Act.”, of the words “by rules made under

this Act.”.

13. Section 43 of the principal enactment is hereby Replacement of

repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:— section 43 of the

principal

enactment.

“Provision of 43. (1) Subject to the provisions of section

new

8 of this Act, no person shall proceed with the

generation

plant or the procuring or operating of any new generation

extension of plant or the expansion of the generation

any existing

capacity of an existing plant, otherwise than

plant.

in the manner authorized by the commission

under this section.

(2) A transmission licensee shall, based on

the future demand forecast as specified in the

Least Cost Long Term Generation Expansion

Plan prepared by such licensee and as amended

after considering the submissions of the

distribution and generation licensees and

approved by the Commission, submit proposals

to proceed with the procuring of any new

generation plant or for the expansion of the

generation capacity of an existing plant, to the

Commission for its written approval :

Provided however where on the day

preceding the date of the coming into force of

this Act :—

(a) an approval of the Cabinet of

Ministers had been obtained to

develop a new generation plant or to

expand the generation capacity of an

existing generation plant ; or

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(b) a permit had been issued to generate

electricity through renewable energy

resources by the Sri Lanka

Sustainable Energy Authority

established by the Sri Lanka

Sustainable Energy Authority Act, No.

35 of 2007 under section 18 of that

Act, as a consequence of which the

development of a new generation

plant or the expansion of the

generation capacity of an existing

generation plant, has become

necessary,

the approval obtained or the permit issued,

as the case may be, shall be referred to the

Commission for its approval. The

Commission shall, having considered the

request made along with any supporting

documents annexed thereto and on being

satisfied that the necessary Cabinet

approval had been obtained or a permit had

been issued by the Sustainable Energy

Autohrity, as the case may be, prior to the

coming into force of this Act, grant

approval to the transmission licensee to

proceed with the procuring of the new

generation plant or the expansion of the

generation capacity of its existing plant,

as the case may be.

(3) Where a person who is issued with a

licence under section 13 of this Act to generate

electricity of less than 25MW in capacity,

proposes to expand its generation capacity of

its generation plant as a consequence of which

the generation of electricity would exceed

25MW in capacity, the approval of the

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Commission under subsection (1) for such

proposal shall not be granted, unless such

person is a person who is qualified under

subsection (1) of section 9 of this Act, to be

issued with a generation licence.

(4) Upon obtaining the approval of the

Commission under subsection (2), the

transmission licensee shall in accordance with

the conditions of its transmission licence and

in compliance with any rules that may be made

by the Commission relating to procurement,

call for tenders by notice published in the

Gazette, to develop a new generation plant or

to expand the generation capacity of an

existing generation plant, as the case may be,

as shall be specified in the notice :

Provided however, subject to the provisions

of subsection (6) of this section, the requirement

to submit a tender on the publication of a notice

under this subsection shall not be applicable

in respect of any new generation plant or to the

expansion of any existing generation plant

that is being developed :—

(a) in accordance with the Least Cost Long

Term Generation Expansion Plan duly

approved by the Commission and

which has received the approval of the

Cabinet of Ministers on the date

preceding the date of the coming into

force of this Act and is required to be

operated at least cost ;

(b) on a permit issued by the Sri Lanka

Sustainable Energy Authority,

established by the Sri Lanka

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Sustainable Energy Authority Act,

No. 35 of 2007 under section 18 of that

Actforthegenerationofelectricitythrough

renewable energy sources and required

to be operated at the standardized tariff

and is governed by a Standardized

Power Purchase Agreement approved by

the Cabinet of Ministers ; or

(c) in compliance with the Least Cost Long

Term Generation Expansion Plan duly

approved by the Commisssion having

received the prior approval of the

Commission, for which the approval of

the Cabinet of Ministers has been

received on the baiss of :—

(i) an offer received from a foreign

sovereign Government to the

Government of Sri Lanka, for

which the approval of the

Cabinet of Ministers have been

obtained ; or

(ii) to meet any emergency

situation as determined by the

Cabinet of Ministers during a

national calamity or a long term

forced outage of a major

generation plant, where

protracted bid inviting process

outweigh the potential benefit

or procuring emergency

capacity required to be

provided by any person at least

cost.

(5) Upon the close of the tender, the

transmission licensee shall through a properly

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constituted tender board, recommend to the

Commission for its approval, the person who is

best capable of :—

(a) developing the new generation plant or

the expansion of the generation

capacity of an existing generation plant,

as the case may be, as specified in the

notice published in the Gazette under

subsection (4), in compliance with the

technical and economic parameters of

the transmission licensee ;

(b) selling electrical energy or electricity

generating capacity at least cost ; and

(c) meeting the requirements of the Least

Cost Long Term Generation Expansion

Plan of the transmission licensee duly

approved by the Commission,

along with the draft Power Purchase

Agreement, describing the terms and conditions

of such purchase.

(6) Notwithstanding the fact that :-

(a) an exemption from the submission of a

tender is granted to any person under

paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) of the proviso

to subsection (4) ; or

(b) a new generation plant or an expansion

of the generating capacity of an existing

generation plant is being developed in

accordance with the Least Cost Long

Term Generation Expansion Plan duly

approved by the Commission, by a

person who had obtained the approval

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of the Cabinet of Ministers and which

approval is force on the date of the

coming into operation of this Act,

the transmission licensee shall be required to

negotiate with the person concerned to satisfy

itself, that such person is capable of developing

the new generation plant or the expansion of

the generating capacity of an existing

generation plant, as the case may be, in

compliance with the technical and economical

parameters of the transmission licensee and is

capable of selling electrical energy or electricity

generating capacity at least cost, and forward

its recommendations for approval to the

Commission, along with the draft Power

Purchase Agreement or the draft Standardized

Power Purchase Agreement, as the case may

be, describing the terms and conditions of such

purchase.

(7) The Commission shall be required on

receipt of any recommendations of the

transmission licensee under subsection (5) or

subsection (6), as the case may be, to grant its

approval at its earliest convenience, where the

Commission is satisfied that the recommended

price for the purchase of electrical energy or

electricity generating capacity meets the

principle of least cost and the requirements of

the Least Cost Long Term Generation Expansion

Plan and that the terms and conditions of such

purchase is within the accepted technical and

economical parameters of the transmission

licensee.

(8) For the purpose of this section-

“Least Cost Long Term Generation

Expansion Plan” means a plan

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prepared by the transmission

licensee and amended and approved

by the Commission on the basis of

the submissions made by the

licensees and published by the

Commission, indicating the future

electricity generating capacity

requirements determined on the basis

of least economic cost and meeting

the technical and reliability

requirements of the electricity

network of Sri Lanka which is duly

approved by the Commission and

published in the Gazette from time

to time; and

“Standardized Power Purchase

Agreement” means an agreement

entered into by the transmission

licensee for the purchase of electrical

energy or electricity generating

capacity, generated using renewable

energy resources under a permit

issued by the Sri Lanka Sustainable

Authority, established by the Sri

Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority

Act, No. 35 of 2007, under section 18

of that Act.”.

14. Section 50 of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment of

amended as follows :- section 50 of

the principal

enactment.

(1) in subsection (1) of that section :-

(a) by the substitution in paragraph (a) of that

subsection, for the words “apparatus : or”, of

the words “apparatus;”;

(b) in paragraph (b) of that subsection, for the

words “a licensee,”, of the words “a

licensee;or”; and

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(c) by the insertion immediately after paragraph

(b) of that subsection, of the following new

paragraph :-

“(c) intentionally or negligently:-

(i) alters the quantity of electricity as

registered on any meter used for

measuring the quantity of electricity

supplied to any premises by a

distribution licensee; or

(ii) prevents any meter from duly

registering the quantity of electricity

supplied through that meter,”;

(2) by the insertion immediately after subsection (1) of

that section, of the following new subsection:-

“(1A) Where any person is prosecuted for an

offence under paragraph (c) of subsection (1), a

certificate issued by the distribution licensee to

the effect that—

(i) the meter was in the custody or under

the control of the person being

prosecuted; and

(ii) there is clear proof that the meter has

been tampered causing an alteration of

the register of the quantity of electricity

registered on such meter and therefore

preventing the meter from duly

registering such usage,

shall be admissible in evidence and shall be prima

facie proof of the matters contained therein.”;

and

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(3) by the insertion immediately after subsection (4) of

that section, of the following new subsection:—

“(4A) Where any person is convicted of an

offence under paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of

this section, the distribution licensee may

discontinue the supply of electricity to the

premises of the person convicted and remove

the meter in respect of which the offence was

committed and thereafter keep the same in safe

custody, until the Commission authorizes the

licensee to dispose of it. However in the event

that the unpaid dues are recovered by the

distribution licensee, the distribution licensee

shall, within a reasonable period of time, restore

the supply of electricity that was disconnected.”.

15. Section 57 of the principal enactment is hereby Replacement of

repealed and the following section substituted therefor :- section 57 of

the principal

enactment.

“Minister to 57. The Minister shall, in giving his

ensure concurrence as required under subsection (1)

compliance.

of section 13, subsection (1) of section 20,

subsection (1) of section 22 and subsection (1)

of section 38, as the case may be, of this Act,

act in accordance with such criteria as shall be

prescribed.”.

16. Section 61 of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment of

amended as follows :— section 61 of

the principal

enactment.

(1) by the insertion immediately after the definition of

the expression “Central Environmental Authority”,

of the following new definition :-

“Ceylon Electricity Board” means the Ceylon

Electricity Board established by the Ceylon

Electricity Board Act, No. 17 of 1969;”;

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(2) in the definition of the expression “electrical plant”,

by the substitution for paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of

that definition, of the following paragraphs :—

“(a) an electrical line ; or

(b) an electrical appliance under the control of a

consumer;”;

(3) in the definition of the expression “high voltage

lines”, by the substitution for the words “not more

than 33 kilovolts”, of the words “not less than 33

kilovolts”; and

(4) by the insertion immediately after the definition of

the word “notice”, of the following new definitions:—

“Power Purchase Agreement” means an agreement

entered into by the transmission licensee with

a generation licensee for the purchase of bulk

electrical energy or bulk electricity generating

capacity, exclusively for the purpose of selling

electrical energy to distribution licensees;

Amendment of 17. The Schedule I of the principal enactment is hereby

Schedule I of the

amended as follows :—

principal

enactment.

(1) in item 3 of that Schedule—

(a) by the substitution for paragraph (3) of that

item, of the following paragraph :—

“(3) Where paragraphs (1) or (2) applies and-

(a) the licensee has made all

reasonable efforts to secure the

grant of a way leave ; and

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(b) such efforts have been

unsuccessful,

the Divisional Secretary of the

administrative district in which the

land, over which the way leave is being

requested for or from which an

electrical line which is installed is

requested to be removed, as the case

may be, shall within six weeks of an

application being made in that behalf

by the licensee concerned, and :-

(i) upon holding an inquiry after

giving an opportunity to the

owner or occupier of the land

concerned, of being heard ; and

(ii) on being satisfied that it is

necessary or expedient for the

licensee to install and keep

installed an electrical line on,

under or over the land of the

owner or occupier concerned, in

order to carry on the activities

which the licensee is authorized

by its licence to carry on,

may either unconditionally or subject

to such terms, conditions and

stipulations as such Divisional

Secretary considers appropriate,

authorize the licensee or prohibit the

licensee, as the case may be, from

carrying on the activities mentioned in

paragraph (1) or (2).

(3A) Where upon the conclusion of

an inquiry the Divisional Secretary is

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satisfied that the acquisition of the way

leave has become necessary for the

purpose of carrying on the activities

authorized by the licence of the

licensee, the Divisional Secretary shall,

within six weeks of an application being

made by the licensee in that behalf,

make his recommendations pertaining

to the same, to the Commission. The

Commission shall, on being satisfied

that it is necessary or expedient, to

acquire the land or to install and keep

installed an electrical line on, under or

over the land concerned in order to

carry on the activities which the

licensee is authorized to carry on under

the licence, recommend to the Minister

the acquisition of the same. Thereupon

the Minister shall approve the

acquisition by Order published in the

Gazette and the way leave shall

thereupon be deemed to be required

for a public purpose and be acquired

under the Land Acquisition Act and

transferred to the licensee. Any amount

payable for such acquisition, shall be

paid for by the licensee.”; and

(b) by the omission of paragraph (5) of that item;

and

(2) in item 6 of that Schedule :—

(a) in paragraph (4) of that item, by the substitution

for the words “twenty one days” and for the

words “may cause”, of the words “seven

working days” and of the words “shall cause”

respectively ; and

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(b) in paragraph (5) of that item, by the substitution

for the words “twenty one days” and for the

words “to the Commission.”, of the words

“seven working days” and of the words “to

the Commission or to a person appointed by

the Commission for that purpose,

respectively.”.

18. The Schedule II of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment of

amended as follows :— Schedule II of

the principal

enactment.

(a) by the repeal of paragraph (5) of item 1 of that

Schedule and substitute the following :—

“(5) If a tariff customer:—

(a) has not, within the requisite period, paid

all charges due to a distribution licensee in

respect of the supply of electricity to any

premises, or the provision of any electricity

meter, electric line or electrical plant for the

purposes of that supply;

(b) has failed to comply with a notice from the

licensee requiring him or her to cease using

any appliance which unduly or improperly

interferes with the supply of electricity by

the licensee to any other consumer; or

(c) has failed to pay the monthly instalments

due for the requisite period under the

agreement entered into under subsection

(1B) of section 27 of the Act or any other

charges which the customer has agreed to

make to the distribution licensee,

the distribution licensee may, at the end of the

requisite period cut off the supply to the premises,

or to any other premises occupied by the customer,

by such means as the licensee thinks fit and

recover any expenses inccurred in so doing from

the costomer.”.

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(b) in paragraph (1) of item 5 of that Schedule, by the

substitution for the words and figures “subject to

the provisions of item 8, any officer authorized by

a distribution licensee may enter any premises to”

of the words “Notwithstanding the provisions in

item 8(1)(a) of Schedule 11 any officer authorized

by a distribution licensee as may be prescribed

by regulations may enter any premises from 8 a.m.

to 5 p.m.;

(c) in item 6 of that Schedule—

(i) in paragraph (1), by the substitution for the

words and figures “subject to item 8, enter the

premises” of the words “enter the premises

from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.”; and

(ii) in paragraph (2), by the substitution for the

words and figures “subject to item 8, enter the

premises” of the words “enter the premises

from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.”;

(d) in paragraph (1) of item 8 of that schedule, by the

substitution for the words “under this Act shall not”

of the words “under this Act except under the

provisions of item 5 and item 6 of the schedule II

shall not”.

Amendment of 19. Schedule III of the principal enactment is hereby

Schedule III of amended by the omission of item 8 of that Schedule.

the principal

enactment.

Sinhala text to 20. In the event of any inconsistency between the

prevail in case Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall

of inconsistency.

prevail.

Retrospective 21. The amendments made to the principal enactment

effect. by the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed for all purposes

to have come into force, on April 8, 2009.

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