

Bill No. 14 of 1945.

A BILL TO AMEND THE POWER COMMISSION ACT

NOTE.

This Bill introduces a new section into the above Act. The main object of the amendment is to prevent the convenience of the public being disrupted by a municipality or other corporation which operates transmission lines discontinuing their services without any opportunity being given of having them continued. For this purpose it is provided that no such works may be dismantled or services discontinued without authority from the Commission.

Provision is made for an application to the Commission for such authority after due notice, and the Commission is given power to make such order as seems just in the public interest.

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Legislative Counsel.

(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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An Act to amend The Power Commission Act.

(Assented to _____, 1945.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Power Commission Act*, being chapter 5 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1944, is hereby amended by adding immediately after section 17 thereof the following new section:

“**17a.**—(1) No municipality or corporation which has heretofore constructed or operated or hereafter constructs or operates any works for the transmission or distribution of electric power, and no assignee or nominee of such municipality or corporation, shall dismantle or remove such works or any part thereof or discontinue the distribution of electric power in any area unless and until it has obtained authority in writing from the Commission so to do.

“(2) Any municipality or corporation desiring to dismantle or remove such works or part thereof or to discontinue the distribution of electric power in any area shall make application in writing to the Commission for authority so to do, and at the time of filing the application or so soon thereafter as is practicable, shall ask the Commission to fix a time and place for the hearing of the application.

“(3) The municipality or corporation making the application shall cause an advertisement to be inserted in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality in which the works are situated in three issues at intervals of one week, giving details of the nature of the application and setting out the time and place fixed by the Commission for the hearing of the application.

“(4) At the date and place fixed, the Commission shall proceed to hear the application and shall determine it upon the evidence submitted both in support of and against the application, which evidence may be taken either *viva voce* or by affidavit, and the Commission may make such order in the premises as to the Commission seems just and proper and in the public interest.

“(5) Any municipality or corporation contravening the provisions of this section or of any order made by the Commission hereunder, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and costs which fine when recovered shall be paid to the Commission.”

2. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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