

Bill No. 8 of 1955

A BILL TO AMEND THE RURAL MUTUAL  
TELEPHONE COMPANIES ACT

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NOTE

This Bill amends *The Rural Mutual Telephone Companies Act*, being chapter 199 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942.

A new section 4a is added to make it clear that a rural mutual telephone company has not a monopoly within its area.

Two new sections, 7a and 7b, are added which require a rural mutual telephone company to obtain the Minister's written consent before entering into an agreement with an electric power company for the joint use of equipment, or before putting up any new telephone lines. The purpose of these sections is to give the Minister the power to keep the telephone lines distant enough from power lines to avoid the risk of induction of current into the telephone lines.

Section 13, clause (a) and section 25 are being amended to relieve the telephone company from the obligation of preparing an annual account and to relieve the auditor from the obligation of submitting a copy of his report to the Minister, unless the Minister directs these things to be done.

Section 17 at present provides that the authorized capital of a telephone company shall be fifteen dollars per mile of pole line of the company's telephone system or such greater sum as may be fixed by the Minister. To bring the section in line with modern costs of construction two hundred and twenty-five dollars is being substituted for fifteen dollars.

This Bill comes into force upon assent.

J. W. RYAN,  
*Acting Legislative Counsel.*

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

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No. 8 of 1955

An Act to amend The Rural Mutual Telephone Companies Act

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1955)

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

1. *The Rural Mutual Telephone Companies Act*, being chapter 199 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended.

2. The following new section is added immediately after section 4: New section 4a

“4a. The definition or creation of a rural telephone area does not give the company to which it is assigned the exclusive right to operate a telephone system within that area.” Right to operate telephone system not exclusive

3. The following new sections are added immediately after section 7: New sections 7a and 7b

“7a. A company shall not enter into an agreement with an electric power company for the joint use of equipment unless the written consent of the Minister to the agreement has first been obtained. Agreement for joint use of equipment

“7b. A company shall not build any new pole lines, change the location of any existing pole lines, nor run off any wiring from any existing pole lines, without first obtaining the written approval of the Minister to the route to be followed by such pole line or wiring.” New or changing of pole lines

4. Section 13, clause (a) is amended by adding immediately after the word “prepared” the words “, if the Minister so directs,”. Section 13 amended

5. Section 17 is amended by striking out the word “fifteen” and by substituting the words “two hundred and twenty-five”. Section 17 amended

6. Section 25 is amended by adding immediately after the word “auditor” the words “, if the Minister so directs,”. Section 25 amended

7. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to. Coming into force

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An Act to amend The Rural Mutual  
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