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A Bill to Authorize Agreements Between the Province and a Power Company Respecting Storage and Power Development on the Brazeau and North Saskatchewan Rivers

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Explanatory Note

General. This Act will empower the Minister of Agriculture (the Minister administering The Water Resources Act) to enter into agreements with a power company on behalf of the Province, for the ultimate development of the Big Bend site of the Brazeau River, a tributary of the North Saskatchewan River.

2. Definitions.

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(Assented to , 1960)

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

1. This Act may be cited as "The Brazeau River Development Act".

2. In this Act,

- (a) "Brazeau storage and power development" means
 - (i) the initial development and any enlargement or extension thereof, including, *inter alia*, outlet works,
 - (ii) a power canal leading from the said outlet works to the power station included in the initial development or as it may be extended,
 - (iii) re-regulating works on the North Saskatchewan River below its confluence with the Brazeau River or, alternatively, on the Brazeau River itself, including further power stations,
 - (iv) works for pumping water from the re-regulating works mentioned in subclause (iii) into the power canal mentioned in subclause (ii) and therefrom into the storage reservoir mentioned in subclause (i) of clause (c);
- (b) "initial development" means that portion of the Brazeau storage and power development comprising
 - (i) a storage dam across the Brazeau River in unsurveyed sections 18, 19 and 20, township 45, range 11, west of the 5th meridian for the promotion of, and resulting in, a storage reservoir to an elevation of approximately 3155 feet above mean sea level,
 - (ii) a power house, including generating equipment with installed capacity of 200,000 H.P. more or less, and
 - (iii) ancillary works;
- (c) "Minister" means the member of the Executive

3. Agreements authorized.

4. Powers of Lieutenant Governor in Council.

5. Appropriation for expenditures.

6. Application of The Water Resources Act and regulations thereunder to this Act.

Council for the time being charged with the administration of *The Water Resources Act*;

(d) "regulations" means the regulations made under The Water Resources Act.

3. The Minister, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, is hereby authorized and empowered to make and execute agreements, from time to time on behalf of the Province, with any incorporated company that holds a water power licence under *The Water Resources Act*, for or in respect of the construction, maintenance, operation, lease or ownership or acquisition of ownership by the company of

- (a) the initial development, and
- (b) the Brazeau storage and power development,

or either of them or any portion or portions thereof, all subject to such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, from time to time, by the Minister and the company and approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

4. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may from time to time do, authorize or cause to be done, all such things as may be required or considered necessary or expedient effectively to carry out or implement the provisions of section 3 and of any agreements made between the Province and the company, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may

- (a) authorize the expenditure of moneys pursuant to any such agreements made between the company and the Province for the supply, release from storage or the making available of water from or by means of either the initial development or the Brazeau storage and power development or any part thereof,
- (b) amend, vary or add to the regulations and authorize the extension or amendment of any of the company's existing water power licences, and
- (c) raise by way of loan any sum or sums of money that may be necessary to give effect to, or in the carrying out of, the provisions of this Act.

5. All moneys to be paid or expended by the Province pursuant to, or in the carrying out of, any of the provisions of this Act, including the provisions of the agreements made hereunder, shall be paid out of any moneys that may be appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose and, in default of any such appropriation, shall be paid out of the General Revenue Fund.

6. Except as otherwise provided in this Act or in any agreement made under the authority of this Act, *The Water Resources Act* and the regulations apply and ex-

7. Agreements may be renewed, amended, varied or extended as agreed to by the Minister and the Company.

tend to the company, its works and their location, construction and operation and the acquiring or taking of land therefor.

7. Any agreement entered into under the authority of this Act may, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, from time to time be renewed, amended, varied or extended (as to subject matter or otherwise) in any way and to such extent as may be agreed upon by the Minister and the company.

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

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