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## **BILL 81**

A Bill to amend The Alberta Government ~~Telephones Act~~

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HON. MR. REIERSON

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## Explanatory Note

**1.** The Alberta Government Telephones Act, Statutes of Alberta, 1958, chapter 85 amended.

**2.** Section 2, clauses (c), (d) and (e) presently read:

- (c) "system" means a telegraph or telephone system or both and includes all land, plant, supplies, buildings, works, rights, franchises, easements, assets and property of every kind owned, held, required or used for the purpose of, or in connection with, or for the operation thereof;
- (d) "telegraph" includes telegraph by wire or radio transmission;
- (e) "telephone" includes telephone by wire or radio transmission.

The new term "telecommunication" is substituted for "telephone" and "telegraph" to reflect technological advances in the field of communications.

**3.** Section 3, subsection (1) presently reads:

3. (1) There is hereby established a commission under the name of The Alberta Government Telephones Commission consisting of the following members, namely, the Minister and the persons from time to time appointed as members by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

**4.** Section 5, subsection (1) presently reads:

5. (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint and prescribe the duties of the following executive officers of the commission:

- (a) a general manager;
- (b) an assistant general manager
- (c) a general commercial manager;
- (d) a general traffic manager;
- (e) a comptroller;
- (f) a general plant manager;
- (g) a chief engineer.

**5.** Section 8 presently reads:

8. The commission shall

- (a) appoint such officers and employees as are deemed necessary,
- (b) regulate the installation and maintenance of services to subscribers, classify subscribers and fix standards of service to be furnished,
- (c) prepare from time to time schedules of rates for filing with or approval by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners,
- (d) keep the accounts of the system and collect the revenues thereof, and
- (e) establish a schedule or schedules of wages to be paid to any class or classes of employees.

# BILL

No. 81 of 1965

An Act to amend The Alberta Government Telephones Act

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1965)

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

**1.** *The Alberta Government Telephones Act* is hereby amended.

**2.** Section 2 is amended

- (a) as to clause (c) by striking out the words “telegraph or telephone system or both” and by substituting the words “telecommunication system”,
- (b) by striking out clauses (d) and (e) and by substituting the following:
  - (d) “telecommunication” means the transmission, emission or reception of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds or intelligence of any nature by wire, radio, visual or other electromagnetic systems.

**3.** Section 3, subsection (1) is amended by adding after the word “Minister” the words “, the executive officers”.

**4.** Section 5 is amended by striking out subsection (1) and by substituting the following:

**5.** (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint the following executive officers of the commission:

- (a) a general manager;
- (b) an assistant general manager;
- (c) a director—operations;
- (d) a director—finance; and
- (e) a director—personnel and public relations.

**5.** Section 8 is struck out and the following is substituted:

**8.** (1) The commission shall

- (a) appoint such officers and employees as it deems necessary,

**6.** Corrects a printing error.

**7.** The amendment will permit the commission to invest its reserve funds in debentures of a new town.

**8.** Section 16, subsection (2) presently reads:

(2) The Minister shall lay a copy of the report of the commission before the Legislative Assembly within fifteen days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.

**9.** Section 19, subsection (1) presently reads:

19. (1) Subject to The Public Utilities Act, the commission may construct, erect and maintain telephone lines along the sides of, across or under any public highway, street, lane, bridge or watercourse whether the title to the highway, street, lane, bridge or watercourse is vested in a city, town, new town, village, county, municipal district or in the Crown.

As to changes in references to "telephone" see note to clause 2.

**10.** See note to clause 2.

**11.** See note to clause 2.

- (b) fix the salaries or remuneration of its officers and employees and define their duties,
  - (c) regulate the installation and maintenance of services to subscribers, classify subscribers and fix standards of service to be furnished,
  - (d) prepare from time to time schedules of rates for filing with or approval by the Public Utilities Board, and
  - (e) keep the accounts of the system and collect the revenues thereof.
- (2) The appointment of an officer or employee shall be during the pleasure of the commission, unless otherwise agreed with the officer or employee.

**6.** Section 11*a*, subsection (1) is amended by striking out the word "purpose" and by substituting the word "purposes".

**7.** Section 13, subsection (2), clause (c) is amended by adding after the word "town," the words "new town,".

**8.** Section 16 is amended by striking out subsection (2) and by substituting the following:

(2) When the report is prepared, the Minister shall lay a copy of it before the Legislative Assembly if it is in session and if not, within fifteen days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.

**9.** Section 19 is amended

- (a) as to subsection (1)
  - (i) by striking out the words "Subject to *The Public Utilities Act*, the commission" and by substituting the words "The commission",
  - (ii) by striking out the word "telephone" and by substituting the word "telecommunication",
- (b) as to subsection (2) by striking out the words "telephone pole" and by substituting the words "pole forming part of a telecommunication line",
- (c) as to subsection (4) by striking out the words "Board of Public Utility Commissioners" and by substituting the words "Public Utilities Board".

**10.** Sections 20 and 21 are amended by striking out the word "telephone" wherever it occurs and by substituting the word "telecommunication".

**11.** Section 22 is amended

- (a) as to subsections (1), (3) and (4) by striking out the word "telephone" wherever it occurs and by substituting the word "telecommunication",

**12.** See note to clause 2.

**13.** See note to clause 2.

**14.** Section 31 presently reads:

31. The making of a contract for telephone connection or telephone service by a member of the Legislative Assembly with the commission does not operate to forfeit or vacate his seat in the Legislature or affect his right to sit or vote therein.

See note to clause 2.

**15.** (a) See note to clause 2.

(b) Section 32, subsection (4) presently reads:

(4) Any debentures heretofore issued by the Government pursuant to subsection (1) of section 5 of The Telephone and Telegraph Act for the purposes of the Alberta Government Telephones System shall be deemed to be debentures of the commission issued pursuant to subsection (1) of section 14 of this Act and guaranteed by the Province pursuant to subsection (2) of section 14 of this Act.

The references to section 14 are incorrect and in any event are removed as being unnecessary to the sense of the subsection.

**16.** Commencement of Act.

(b) as to subsection (2) by striking out the words "telephone or telegraph" and by substituting the word "telecommunication".

**12.** Section 23 is amended by striking out the words "telephone or telegraph" wherever they occur and by substituting the word "telecommunication".

**13.** Section 23*a* is amended by striking out the word "telephone" wherever it occurs and by substituting the word "telecommunication".

**14.** Section 31 is amended by striking out the words "telephone connection or telephone service" and by substituting the words "telephone or other telecommunication service".

**15.** Section 32 is amended

(a) as to subsection (1) by striking out the words "telephone or telegraph",

(b) as to subsection (4) by striking out the words "issued pursuant to subsection (1) of section 14 of this Act and guaranteed by the Province pursuant to subsection (2) of section 14 of this Act" and by substituting the words "issued by the commission and guaranteed by the Province pursuant to this Act".

**16.** This Act comes into force on the first day of May, 1965.

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