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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES AND TELEPHONES  
AMENDMENT ACT 1983

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THE MINISTER OF UTILITIES AND  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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### **DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES AND TELEPHONES AMENDMENT ACT, 1983**

*(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1983)*

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

*1 The Department of Utilities and Telephones Act is amended by this Act.*

*2 The title of the Act is amended by striking out "TELEPHONES" and substituting "TELECOMMUNICATIONS":*

*3 In the following provisions "Telephones" is struck out wherever it occurs and "Telecommunications" is substituted:*

section 1(b);  
section 2;  
section 3.

*4 Section 1(d)(i) is amended by adding "or" at the end of paragraph (C), by adding the following after paragraph (C):*

(D) the collection, conveyance, treatment or discharge of sewage, either directly or indirectly, from or for the public,

## Explanatory Notes

1 This Bill will amend chapter D-31 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.

2 The title of the Act presently reads:

*DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES AND TELEPHONES ACT*

3 Sections 1(b), 2 and 3 presently read:

1 *In this Act,*

(b) *“Minister” means the Minister of Utilities and Telephones;*

2 *There shall be a department of the Government called the Department of Utilities and Telephones over which shall preside the member of the Executive Council appointed by the Lieutenant Governor under the Great Seal of the Province as Minister of Utilities and Telephones.*

3 *In accordance with the Public Service Act there may be appointed a Deputy Minister of Utilities and Telephones and any other employees required to conduct the business of the Department.*

4 Section 1(d) presently reads:

1 *In this Act,*

(d) *“utility” means*

(i) *any system, works, plant, equipment or service for*

(A) *the conveyance of telecommunications,*

(B) *the conveyance of persons or goods over a railway, street railway or tramway or similar form of transportation,*

(C) *the production, transmission, distribution, delivery or furnishing of water, heat, light, power, gas or liquefied petroleum gas, either directly or indirectly, to or for the public,*

5 *The following is added after section 6:*

**6.1(1)** The Minister may enter into agreements on or in connection with any policies, programs, services or other matters under his administration.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), agreements may be made under that subsection with the Government of Canada or of a province.

6 *Section 7 is amended*

(a) *in clause (b) by striking out “and territories”;*

(b) *by repealing clause (c).*

*7(1) In the following enactments “Telephones” is struck out wherever it occurs and “Telecommunications” is substituted:*

Act	Section number
Co-operative Associations Act	41(2)(a) and (b) and (5)
Electric Energy Marketing Act	1(c) and 2(4)
Gas Protection Act	8
Hydro and Electric Energy Act	19(3)
Municipal Government Act	173(3) and 283(1)
Municipal Telephone Act	3(2), (3) and (4)
Natural Gas Rebates Act	1(i)
Pipeline Act	9, 20 and 48(3)
Rural Gas Act	1(c) and (l), 4(2) and 7(1)(b)
Rural Mutual Telephone Companies Act	1(a)

(2) *Section 36(b) of the Hydro and Electric Energy Act is amended by striking out “and Telephones” and substituting “and Telecommunications”.*

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*In accordance with section 4(1) of the Interpretation Act, this Bill comes into force on the date it receives Royal Assent.*

or

*(ii) any oil or gas pipeline the proprietor of which may be declared by the Energy Resources Conservation Board to be a common carrier.*

**5 Agreements.**

**6 Section 7(b) and (c) presently read:**

**7 The Minister**

*(b) may as a representative of the Government of Alberta, maintain a continuing liaison with the Government of Canada and agencies thereof, the governments of other provinces and territories and agencies thereof, municipal corporations, corporations and co-operative associations in Alberta, in relation to matters under the administration of the Minister;*

*(c) may, on behalf of the Government of Alberta and with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, enter into an agreement relating to any matter pertaining to telecommunications or utilities with the Government of Canada, the government of any province or territory of Canada, an agency of any of those governments, any municipal corporation in Alberta, any corporation, any co-operative association in Alberta or any other person;*

**7 Consequential amendments changing “Telephones” to “Telecommunications” in a number of enactments.**