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An Act to amend the Utilities Regulatory Authority Act No. 11 of 2007.

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

1 Amendment

The Utilities Regulatory Authority Act No. 11 of 2007 is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF THE UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY ACT NO. 11 OF 2007

1 Section 2

Delete “to regulate certain utilities”

2 Paragraph 2(b)

Delete “.” Substitute “; and”

3 At end of section 2

Add

“(c) promote the long term interests of consumers”

4 Section 3

Repeal the section, substitute

“3 Application of the Act

This Act applies to a regulated service to the extent that is not inconsistent with a provision in any concession agreement under the Electricity Supply Act [CAP 65] existing on or before the commencement of this Act or a provision of any other Act.”

5 Subsection 13 (2)

Re-number the subsection as “(3)”

6 After subsection 13(1)

Insert

“(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the Authority may:

- (a) require a utility to furnish the Authority with specified information or documents; or information or documents of a specified kind, relating to a regulated service or to the corporate structure, accounts or finances of the utility; or

- (b) require a utility to confer with the Authority as to the manner in which it carries on any specified activity in relation to a regulated service; or
- (c) do anything reasonably incidental to any of its powers.”

7 After section 29

Insert

“29A Investment Support Fund

The investment support fund established under sections 6 of the Conventions listed below must be held by the Central Government Cashier at the Department of Finance and Economic Management:

- (a) Convention relating to the Concession for the Generation and Public Supply of Electric Power in Lugainville; and
- (b) Convention relating to the Concession for the Generation and Public Supply of Electric Power in Port Vila.”

8 Schedule 1- Part A- Powers conferred under subsection 20(1)- A1 Electricity

Delete “section 6, paragraph 29” relating to the following:

- (a) Convention relating to the Concession for the Generation and Public Supply of Electric Power in Lugainville; and
- (b) Convention relating to the Concession for the Generation and Public Supply of Electric Power in Port Vila.”