

ELECTRICITY ACT: AMENDMENTS

In terms of the Electricity Amendment Act, 1964, the Commission has been given the power to supply electricity in bulk from any of its undertakings to the Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa, Limited, at any point on the border between the Republic and the territory of South West Africa. Such supply may be for use either by the Corporation in the territory or for the purpose of making it available to other consumers; and the Commission has also been authorized to act as the agent of the Corporation in connection with the generation, supply or distribution of electricity by the Corporation outside the Republic.

In this way the experience and organization of the Commission have been made available to the Corporation for carrying out any development of electricity supply which the Corporation may desire to promote in the territory of South West Africa: and preliminary discussions have been held between Escom, the Corporation, the Administrator of South West Africa and others who will be concerned in carrying out the five-year plan for the economic development of the territory, as set out in the White Paper presented to and approved by Parliament.

Among the projects which are to be brought to completion with the least possible delay is the Kunene Scheme, the cost of which has been estimated at R49,000,000, for the supply of electricity to the northern and central areas of South West Africa.

The Electricity Amendment Act, 1964, also gives the Commission a general power to supply electricity in bulk from any of its undertakings to other persons (including a government or administration) at any point on the border between the Republic and any territory adjoining it.