

THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI
(No. 22 of 1997)

I assent

Beretitenti
Assented: 29th December 1997

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ORDINANCE (CAP.83) TO
ALLOW GENERATION OF POWER BY PERSONS OTHER THAN THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD IN CERTAIN CASES**

Made by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and assented to by the Beretitenti.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Utilities (Amendment) Act 1997.

Amendment of section 6

2. Section 6 of the Public Utilities Ordinance (Cap.83) is amended in subsection (1) by:-
 - (a) repealing the word "Subsection" where it first appears and substituting the word "Subsections"; and
 - (b) inserting after "(2)" the words "and (3)".
3. Section 6 of the Public Utilities Ordinance (Cap.83) is amended in subsection (3) by adding at the end of that subsection the following proviso:-

Provided that it shall not be an offence if the owner or occupier of any premises generates or distributes electricity within an Electricity Supply area for use in those premises where:-

- (a) the Board under normal circumstances supplies power to those premises; and
- (b) the Board is unable to supply Electricity to those premises during a period of time for any reason; or
- (c) following such a period of time, that person continues to generate or distribute electricity for any further period of time during which that person does not know that the Board has in the meantime restored the electricity supply to the premises."

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Act amends the Public Utilities Ordinance (Cap.83) to make it lawful within an Electricity supply area for persons to generate and distribute electricity to their premises during times when the Board is unable to supply power to those premises, without written permission from the Board.

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Attorney General
10 October 1997