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ELECTRICITY AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Electricity Act 1968

WHEREAS electricity is one of New Zealand's most wide-
spread and economic sources of energy; and whereas it is
5 desirable to encourage the maximum efficient use of elec-
tricity; and whereas electricity should be used to promote
export growth:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New
Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of
10 the same as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the **Electricity
Amendment Act 1979** and shall be read together with and
deemed part of the **Electricity Act 1968** (hereinafter referred
to as the principal Act).

15 **2. Reduced rates for supply of electricity in certain areas**—
The principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection
(4) of section 34 the following:
“and such prices shall be so reduced to industry operating in
a particular area or to all users of electricity in the South

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Island if the Minister is satisfied that an adequate supply of electricity at a reduced rate is necessary—

- (d) As an inducement to industry to continue operating in that area; or
- (e) To enable industry in that area to compete fairly with industry in other areas of New Zealand.” 5

3. Interest charges—Section 34 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

“(6) Interest charges on capital shall be based on the rates determined from time to time by the Reserve Bank under the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 1964”.