

## CHAPTER 3

### COMMISSION ON ENERGY

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#### 34 PC 3-101. Purpose.

It is the sense of the Legislature that the future vitality and economic growth of this state is dependent on an abundant, reliable, and inexpensive supply of electrical power. The purpose of this chapter is to establish a permanent commission on energy to monitor continuously the status of energy production and distribution within the state, and to research and recommend policies and programs for its improvement.

Source: S.L. No. 2L-168-83 §1, 2/18/83

#### 34 PC 3-102. Commission established.

There is hereby established a Pohnpei State Commission on Energy.

(1) The Commission shall consist of:

- (a) The Administrator of the Office of Economic Affairs or his designee;
  - (b) The Director of the Economic Development Authority or a representative designated by the Board;
  - (c) The Administrator of the Office of Transportation and Infrastructure or his designee; and
  - (d) A member appointed by the Speaker of the Pohnpei Legislature upon consultation with the Legislature leadership.
- (2) The Commission shall convene on the first Monday of the month following the effective date of this chapter [February 18, 1983] at a time and place determined by the Governor, and shall meet not less than once every three months thereafter.

(3) The Commission shall appoint its own officers and determine its own procedures not inconsistent with this chapter.

(4) Members of the Commission shall be accorded administrative leave while in service for the Commission and shall not be entitled to additional compensation therefor but shall be entitled to necessary expenses incurred in such service.

Source: S.L. No. 2L-168-83 §2, 2/18/83; S.L. No. 2L-174-83 §1, 4/25/83; S.L. No. 5L-14-00 §3-28, 10/1/00

#### 34 PC 3-103. Duties and responsibilities.

The Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities to:

(1) Continue the work begun by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Energy as presented in its final report as adopted by the Second State Legislature, Fourth Regular Session, 1983, in Standing Committee Report No. 1 thereof;

(2) Thoroughly review and continuously monitor existing power generation facilities and distribution lines as well as current rate structures and make recommendations concerning the same;

(3) Research alternate systems of power generation and distribution and investigate possible modifications to existing systems;

(4) Prepare and submit a five-year energy conservation and development plan, and prepare and submit an update of the plan at least annually after its adoption;

(5) Recommend legislation on energy-related matters;

(6) Initiate and direct demonstrations, public information programs, seminars, and workshops on energy-related matters;

(7) To the extent possible, recruit and manage such volunteer and paid assistants and consultants as the Commission deems necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities under this section; and

(8) Undertake such other activities consistent with this chapter that the Commission deems necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities under this section.

Source: S.L. No. 2L-168-83 §3, 2/18/83

#### 34 PC 3-104. Progress reports.

The Commission shall, not less than annually, file a progress report with the Governor and the Legislature in which it shall include a complete accounting since the last such report of its activities and a presentation of its plans, recommendations, and legislation as provided in 34 PC 3-103.

Source: S.L. No. 2L-168-83 §4, 2/18/83

34 PC 3-105. Financing.

(1) The Commission may receive funding from other sources when authorized by state law relative thereto.

(2) The Chairman shall, not later than October 15 each year, file with the Governor, the Legislature, and the Public Auditor a complete accounting of all financial activities of the Commission for the previous fiscal year.

Source: S.L. No. 2L-168-83 §5, 2/18/83