

PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT
(Cap. 54:01)

**PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION
FUND) ORDER, 2022**

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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister of Finance by section 38 of the Public Finance Management Act, the following Order is hereby made —

1. This Order may be cited as the Public Finance Management (National Electrification Fund) Order, 2022. Citation
2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation
 - “Accounting Officer” means the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for energy appointed as such under paragraph 5;
 - “agency of Government” means the Corporation;
 - “Committee” means a Management Committee continued under paragraph 6;
 - “Corporation” means the Botswana Power Corporation established under section 3 of the Botswana Power Corporation Act; Cap. 74:01
 - “Department” means the department responsible for energy in the Ministry responsible for energy;
 - “Fund” means the Public Finance Management (National Electrification Fund) continued under paragraph 3;
 - “levy” means the national electrification levy charged under the Control of Goods (National Electrification (Levy)) Regulations; Cap. 43:08
 - “local authority” has the same meaning assigned to the term in the Local Government Act; (Sub. Leg.)
Cap. 40:01
 - “National Electricity Standard Connection Cost” means a uniform electricity connection cost price value as may be determined by the Minister responsible for energy; and
 - “subsidy” means the amount necessary to finance the difference between the actual market household electricity connection cost and the National Electricity Standard Connection Cost.

Continuation of Fund established under S.I. No. 27 of 2010	<p>3. The National Electrification Fund established under the National Electrification Fund Order by section 38(1) of the Act, is hereby continued under a Special Fund known as the Public Finance Management (National Electrification Fund) and shall continue to exist as if established by this Order.</p>
Purpose of Fund	<p>4. The purpose of the Fund is to —</p> <p>(a) finance the cost of the subsidy required to enable household connection to the electricity grid owned by the Corporation; and</p> <p>(b) be a source for development funds for future electrification projects.</p>
Administration of Fund	<p>5. (1) The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for energy shall be the Accounting Officer and he or she shall be responsible for the administration of the Fund.</p> <p>(2) The Accounting Officer may exercise all such powers and perform all such duties as may be required to be exercised or performed for the proper discharge of his or her functions under this Order.</p> <p>(3) The Accounting Officer may, in writing, authorise any other public officer or any agency of Government to exercise or perform all or any of the powers and duties required by the Accounting Officer.</p> <p>(4) Without derogating from the generality of the functions and powers of the Accounting Officer as provided in this paragraph, the Accounting Officer shall cause the Department to be responsible for the day to day administration of the Fund.</p>
Management of Fund	<p>6. (1) The National Electrification Fund Committee established under the National Electrification Fund Order is hereby continued as the Management Committee and shall continue as if established under this Order.</p> <p>(2) The Committee shall be appointed by the Minister responsible for energy in consultation with the Accounting Officer and shall consist of —</p> <p>(a) the Deputy Permanent Secretary from the Ministry responsible for energy who shall be the Chairperson of the Committee;</p> <p>(b) a representative from the Department;</p> <p>(c) a representative from the Corporation; and</p> <p>(d) three other members as the Minister for energy may find appropriate.</p> <p>(3) Without derogating from the generality of subparagraph (1), the functions of the Committee shall include to —</p> <p>(a) conduct periodic reviews of the market cost for households to connect to the Corporation electricity grid;</p> <p>(b) make recommendations to the Minister responsible for energy on the value of adjustments to be made to the —</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(i) levy to be collected by the Corporation, and</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(ii) National Electricity Standard Connection Cost;</p> <p>(c) approve disbursement procedures for the subsidy and other payments from the Fund;</p> <p>(d) monitor and review the sustainability of the Fund;</p> <p>(e) address grievances from beneficiaries; and</p> <p>(f) do all such other functions, as shall be necessary to meet the objectives of the Fund, as may be approved by the Accounting Officer.</p> <p>(4) The members of the Committee shall be appointed for a period not exceeding three years, and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further term, not exceeding three years.</p> <p>(5) The Committee shall determine its own procedure in accordance with the Act.</p>

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| <p>7. There shall be paid into the Fund —</p> <p>(a) all monies received in respect of the levy charged under the Control of Goods (National Electrification (Levy)) Regulations;</p> <p>(b) such interest as may accrue from the investment of monies of the Fund as provided under paragraph 10;</p> <p>(c) such monies as may be appropriated by the National Assembly for the purpose of the Fund; and</p> <p>(d) donations from persons and organisations as the Minister may approve.</p> | <p>Receipts
into Fund</p> |
| <p>8. There shall be paid from the Fund, the —</p> <p>(a) subsidy applicable for connections of electricity by households;</p> <p>(b) costs for capital expenditure for electricity projects; and</p> <p>(c) administrative costs relating to the —</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) administrative management of the Fund, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(ii) audit expenses of the Fund.</p> | <p>Disbursements
from Fund</p> |
| <p>9. If the Fund is in surplus at the end of the financial year, such surplus shall remain as part of the Fund balance and shall be carried forward into the following financial year.</p> | <p>Surplus in
Fund</p> |
| <p>10. Any monies accruing to the Fund which is not required for immediate use shall be invested in Botswana in accordance with the objects of the Fund as the Accountant-General may direct and interest from such investment shall accrue to the Fund.</p> | <p>Investment of
Fund monies</p> |
| <p>11. The Accounting Officer shall —</p> <p>(a) keep and maintain or cause to be kept and maintained, proper books of accounts and records of all financial transactions, assets and liabilities of the Fund in respect of each financial year;</p> <p>(b) maintain an account into which all receipts into the Fund and all disbursements from the Fund shall be recorded and the monthly reconciliation for the Fund accounts shall be carried out; and</p> <p>(c) prepare, sign and transmit to the Accountant-General and Auditor-General a statement of income and expenditure and a balance sheet of the Fund in respect of the financial year, containing such information in the manner that the Minister in consultation with the Accountant-General may direct, within a period of two months after the close of each financial year.</p> | <p>Accounts
of Fund</p> |
| <p>12. The National Electrification Fund Order is hereby revoked.</p> | <p>Revocation of
S.I. No. 27 of
2010</p> |

MADE this 6th day of September, 2022.

PEGGY O. SERAME,
Minister of Finance.