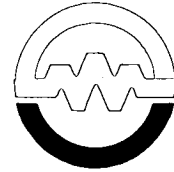


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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN 1985

The Public Utilities Board will spend \$873 million next year on development projects to meet the demand for electricity, water and gas. This is the highest expenditure to be incurred so far in the Board's history.

The capital expenditure will increase the Board's investments in property, plant and equipment to \$5,723 million. A major portion, \$599 million, will go to electricity projects while water will take up \$250 million and gas \$6.5 million.

Electricity Projects

Out of \$599 million to be spent on electricity projects, about \$303 million will be for expansion of the transmission and distribution networks. This includes \$51 million for the construction of three 230 kV substations at Labrador, Paya Lebar and Admiralty West to cater for the industrial, commercial and housing developments in these areas. It also includes the construction of a new Power

System Control Centre at Ayer Rajah. The new \$26 million computer-based Power System Control Centre will replace the existing Power System Control Centre and will cater for the electricity system until the year 2000. It will supervise and control the power stations and the Republic's electricity transmission and distribution network. The new Centre is scheduled for completion in 1987.

\$224 million has been allocated for the Pulau Seraya Power Station Stage I Project. Construction work at the Pulau Seraya Power Station site is in progress. The first of three 250 MW units for Stage I will be operational in early 1987. This power station, estimated to cost \$775 million is the first to be sited on an off-shore island.

\$40 million will go to the installation of two new 100 MW gas turbines at Jurong Power Station. About \$5.3 million will also be spent in 1985 on the construction of additional fuel storage tanks at power stations.

Water Projects

Water from the new Sungei Seletar and Bedok Reservoirs will be introduced into the distribution system in 1985.

These two reservoirs, together with a treatment works and 8 stormwater collection stations are part of the Sungei Seletar/Bedok Water Scheme. Construction work on the Scheme, which exploits the catchments of the north eastern and eastern parts of Singapore, commenced in January 1983. The Scheme is estimated to cost \$264 million of which \$45 million will be spent in 1985.

\$115 million will be spent in 1985 on three other major water projects in progress. These are the pipeline project and the extension of waterworks in Johore. These projects will increase the capacity of the treatment and pumping facilities of the waterworks. Scheduled for completion in 1986/87, the three projects will cost a total of \$249 million.

The water distribution network will be extended in 1985 at a cost of \$64 million to meet the anticipated demand from consumers. This includes the construction of four service reservoirs. Work on three are already in progress at Bukit Kalang, Jalan Petua, Jalan Mariam and will be completed in 1986. A new one will be built at Lorong Asrama in 1985 and will be completed in 1987. These new service reservoirs will provide increased storage of treated water to meet the needs of consumers in Ang Mo Kio, Yishun, Bukit Batok, Choa Chu Kang, Tampines, Loyang and Pasir Ris.

Gas Projects

The \$6.5 million for gas projects will be mainly for renewal of old gas mains, laying some gas mains extensions, purchase of new meters and expansion of the telemetering system.

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