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s. 9 General duties of licence holders.

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(1) It shall be the duty of an electricity distributor—

- (a) to develop and maintain an efficient, co-ordinated and economical system of electricity distribution;
- (b) to facilitate competition in the supply and generation of electricity.

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(2) It shall be the duty of the holder of a licence authorising him to [participate in the transmission of] ² electricity—

- (a) to develop and maintain an efficient, co-ordinated and economical system of electricity transmission; and
- (b) [...] ³ to facilitate competition in the supply and generation of electricity.

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(2A) Subsection (2)(a) shall not have effect to require the holder of a transmission licence which is subject to a condition of the kind mentioned in [section 7\(2A\)\(a\)](#) to carry on an activity which he would be authorised by the licence to carry on apart from the condition.

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(2B) The conditions of a licence held by a person to which a duty imposed by subsection (1) or (2) applies may include a condition requiring the person, in performing the duty, to have regard to the interests of existing and future consumers in relation to gas conveyed through pipes (within the meaning of the [Gas Act 1986](#)).

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Notes

- 1 Substituted by Utilities Act 2000 c. 27 [Pt IV s.50](#) (October 1, 2001 subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2001/3266 arts 3-20)
- 2 Words substituted by Energy Act 2004 c. 20 [Sch.19 para.8\(2\)](#) (September 1, 2004)
- 3 Words repealed subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2001/3266 arts 3-20 by Utilities Act 2000 c. 27 [Sch.8 para.1](#) (October 1, 2001: repeal has effect as SI 2001/3266 subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2001/3266 arts 3-20)
- 4 Added by Energy Act 2004 c. 20 [Sch.19 para.8\(3\)](#) (September 1, 2004)
- 5 Added by Energy Act 2023 c. 52 [Pt 5 s.177\(2\)](#) (January 31, 2024)
- 6 Repealed subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2001/3266 arts 3-20 by Utilities Act 2000 c. 27 [Sch.8 para.1](#) (October 1, 2001: repeal has effect as SI 2001/3266 subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2001/3266 arts 3-20)

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