

Electricity Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 29

PART I

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Licensing of supply etc.

9 General duties of licence holders.

[^{F1}(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.]
- (2) It shall be the duty of the holder of a licence authorising him to [^{F2}participate in the transmission of] electricity—
 - (a) to develop and maintain an efficient, co-ordinated and economical system of electricity transmission; and
 - (b) ^{F3}..., to facilitate competition in the supply and generation of electricity.
- [^{F4}(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.]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 9(1) substituted (1.10.2001) by 2000 c. 27, s. 50; S.I. 2001/3266, art. 2, Sch. (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-20)

- F2 Words in s. 9(2) substituted (1.9.2004) by Energy Act 2004 (c. 20), s. 198(2), Sch. 19 para. 8(2); S.I. 2004/2184, art. 2(2), Sch. 2
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Licensing of supply etc.

10 Powers etc. of licence holders.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, Schedule 3 to this Act (which provides for the compulsory acquisition of land) and Schedule 4 to this Act (which confers other powers and makes other provision) shall have effect—
 - (a) in relation to F1 ... [F2 the holder of a transmission licence]; and
 - (b) to the extent that his licence so provides, in relation to [^{F3}an electricity distributor or] any other licence holder;

and references in those Schedules to a licence holder shall be construed accordingly.

- (2) Where any provision of either of the Schedules mentioned in subsection (1) above is applied to a licence holder by his licence, it shall have effect subject to such restrictions, exceptions and conditions as may be included in the licence for the purpose of qualifying that provision as so applied or any power or right conferred by or under it.
- (3) [^{F4}A generation licence] may provide that Schedule 4 to this Act shall have effect in relation to the licence holder as if—
 - (a) any reference to any purpose connected with the carrying on of the activities which he is authorised by his licence to carry on included a reference to any purpose connected with the supply to any premises of heat produced in association with electricity and steam produced from and air and water heated by such heat; and
 - (b) any reference to electric lines or electrical plant included a reference to pipes and associated works used or intended to be used for conveying heat so produced, and steam produced from and air and water heated by such heat;

and in this subsection "associated works", in relation to pipes, means any of the following connected with the pipes, namely, any valve, filter, stopcock, pump, meter, inspection chamber and manhole and such other works as may be prescribed.

- [^{F5}(3A) Subsection (3) applies in relation to any purpose connected with the supply to any premises of any gas or liquid subjected to a cooling effect produced in association with electricity as it applies to a purpose mentioned in that subsection.]
 - [^{F6}(4) A transmission licence may provide that, where the licence is modified under section 6(6B)^{F7}... or 11A above so as to reduce in any respect the area in which the licence holder may carry on activities, Schedule 4 to this Act shall have effect in relation to him as if any reference to the activities which he is authorised by his licence to carry on included a reference to the activities which he was previously so authorised to carry on.]
 - (5) The provisions of Schedule 5 to this Act (which provide for the acquisition of water rights for hydro-electric stations in Scotland) shall have effect.

Textual Amendments

- **F1** Words in s. 10(1)(a) repealed (1.10.2001) by 2000 c. 27, s. 53(2); S.I. 2001/3266, art. 2, Sch. (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-20)
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- **F5** S. 10(3A) inserted (1.10.2001) by 2000 c. 27, s. 53(4); S.I. 2001/3266, art. 2, Sch. (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-20)
- **F6** S. 10(4) substituted (1.9.2004) by Energy Act 2004 (c. 20), s. 198(2), Sch. 19 para. 9(3); S.I. 2004/2184, art. 2(2), Sch. 2
- **F7** Word in s. 10(4) omitted (10.11.2011) by virtue of The Electricity and Gas (Internal Markets) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/2704), regs. 1(1), **45(1)**

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Protection of public interest

37 Consent required for overhead lines.

- (1) Subject to [^{F1}subsections (1A) to [^{F2}(2A)]] below, an electric line shall not be installed or kept installed above ground except in accordance with a consent granted by the Secretary of State.
- [^{F3}(1A) So far as relating to the installation of an electric line, subsection (1) is subject to section 33(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (exclusion of requirement for other consents for development for which development consent required).
 - (1B) So far as relating to keeping an electric line installed, subsection (1) does not apply if keeping the line installed is authorised by an order granting development consent under the Planning Act 2008.]
 - (2) Subsection (1) above shall not apply—
 - (a) in relation to an electric line which has a nominal voltage not exceeding 20 kilovolts and is used or intended to be used for supplying a single consumer;
 - (b) in relation to so much of an electric line as is or will be within premises in the occupation or control of the person responsible for its installation; or
 - (c) in such other cases as may be prescribed.

[^{F4}(2A) Subsection (1) above shall not apply in relation to an electric line that—

- (a) has a nominal voltage of 132 kilovolts or less, and
- (b) is associated with the construction or extension of a devolved Welsh generating station granted planning permission or consented to on or after the day on which section 39 of the Wales Act 2017 comes into force.

- (2B) "Devolved Welsh generating station" means a generating station that—
 - (a) is in Wales and—
 - (i) generates electricity from wind, or
 - (ii) has a maximum capacity of 350 megawatts or less; or
 - (b) is in Welsh waters and has a maximum capacity of 350 megawatts or less.
- (2C) "Welsh waters" has the meaning given in section 36 above.]

(3) A consent under this section—

- (a) may include such conditions (including conditions as to the ownership and operation of the line) as appear to the Secretary of State to be appropriate;
- (b) may be varied or revoked by the Secretary of State at any time after the end of such period as may be specified in the consent; and
- (c) subject to paragraph (b) above, shall continue in force for such period as may be specified in or determined by or under the consent.
- (4) Any person who without reasonable excuse contravenes the provisions of this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (5) No proceedings shall be instituted in England and Wales in respect of an offence under this section except by or on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Textual Amendments

- F1 Words in s. 37(1) substituted (1.3.2010) by Planning Act 2008 (c. 29), s. 241(8), Sch. 2 para. 33(2) (with s. 226); S.I. 2010/101, art. 2 (with art. 6)
- F2 Word in s. 37(1) substituted (1.4.2019) by Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), ss. 42(2), 71(4) (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6, 8); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 5(a)
- **F3** S. 37(1A)(1B) inserted (1.3.2010) by Planning Act 2008 (c. 29), s. 241(8), **Sch. 2 para. 33(3)** (with s. 226); S.I. 2010/101, art. 2 (with art. 6)
- F4 S. 37(2A)-(2C) inserted (1.4.2019) by Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), ss. 42(3), 71(4) (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6, 8); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 5(a)

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- C1 S. 37 restricted by S.I. 1990/442, art. 3(1)(b)
- C2 S. 37 excluded (16.3.1992) by Midland Metro Act 1992 (c. vii), s. 10(3)
- C3 S. 37 modified (S.) (27.5.1997) by 1997 c. 8, ss. 57(2), 278(2) (with ss. 64, 219)
- C4 S. 37: transfer of certain functions (S.) (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, art. 2, Sch. 1 (with art. 7)
- C5 S. 37 excluded (19.11.2004) by The Scarweather Sands Offshore Wind Farm Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/3054), arts. 1, **26** (with art. 38)
- C6 S. 37(1) excluded (1.1.1993) by S.I. 1992/3074, reg.3
- C7 S. 37(1) excluded (18.12.1996) by 1996 c. 61, s. 50(1)
- C8 S. 37(1) excluded (22.7.2008) by Crossrail Act 2008 (c. 18), s. 4(1)
- C9 S. 37(1) excluded (E.W.) (6.4.2009) by The Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/640), regs. 1(3), **3-5**
- C10 S. 37(1) excluded (S.) (1.11.2013) by The Overhead Lines (Exemption) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (S.S.I. 2013/264), regs. 1, **3(1)** (with regs. 3(3), 4, 5, 6(2))
- C11 S. 37(1) excluded (23.2.2017) by High Speed Rail (London West Midlands) Act 2017 (c. 7), ss. 31(1), 70(1)

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Protection of public interest

38 Preservation of amenity and fisheries.

The provisions of Schedule 9 to this Act (which relate to the preservation of amenity and fisheries) shall have effect.

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- s. 8A(1C) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 206(6)
- s. 9(2B) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 177(2)
- s. 10NA inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 207(2)
- s. 11A(9A) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 8
- s. 11E(2)(d) and word inserted by 2013 c. 32 s. 138(5)(b)(iii)
- s. 11AA inserted by 2018 c. 14 s. 13(3)
- s. 15(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. 3(2)(b) (as substituted) by S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 19 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 25(8A) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 14 para. 7(3)
- s. 41A(7C)-(7H) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 214(4)
- s. 41AA(3)(ca)-(cc) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 214(5)(a)(ii)
- s. 41BA(3)(da)-(dc) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 214(6)(a)(ii)
- s. 44A inserted by 1992 c. 43 s. 23
- s. 44A(6)(b)(i) words substituted by 2013 c. 22 Sch. 9 para. 52
- s. 44B(1)(a)(iiia) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 17 para. 8
- s. 56C(6)(d) and word inserted by 2013 c. 32 s. 138(5)(d)(ii)
- s. 56FBA56FBB inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 19 para. 2
- Sch. 2A para. 2(5) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 12
- Sch. 2A para. 14(6)(aa)(ab) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 16(b)
- Sch. 2A para. 35(2A) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 21(3)
- Sch. 2A para. 35(4A) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 21(5)
- Sch. 2A para. 36A36B and cross-heading inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 23

- Sch. 2A para. 36(2)(2A) substituted for para. 36(2) by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 22(b)
- Sch. 4 para. 6(7A) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 25(3)
- Sch. 6A para. 9ZA and cross-heading inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 14 para. 8

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 3

Section 10(1).

COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND ETC. BY LICENCE HOLDERS

PART I

POWERS OF ACQUISITION

Modifications etc. (not altering text)		
C1	Sch. 3 Pt. 1: transfer of functions to the Scottish Minster (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, arts. 1, 2, Sch. 1	
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- 1 (1) Subject to paragraph 2 below, the Secretary of State may authorise a licence holder to purchase compulsorily any land required for any purpose connected with the carrying on of the activities which he is authorised by his licence to carry on.
 - (2) In this paragraph and paragraph 2 below "land" includes any right over land (other than, in Scotland, a right to abstract, divert and use water); and the power of the Secretary of State under this paragraph includes power to authorise the acquisition of rights over land by creating new rights as well as acquiring existing ones.
- 2 (1) No order shall be made under paragraph 1 above authorising the compulsory purchase of land belonging to another licence holder except with the consent of the Director.
 - (2) The Director shall not give his consent under this paragraph if—
 - (a) the land is being used by the licence holder to whom it belongs for the purposes of an installation necessary for the carrying on of the activities which he is authorised by his licence to carry on; or
 - (b) it appears to the Director that the land will be so used and that the use will commence, or any necessary planning permission or consent under section 36 or 37 of this Act will be applied for, within the period of five years beginning with the date of the application for his consent.
 - (3) The Secretary of State may by order provide that sub-paragraph (2) above shall have effect as if for the period mentioned in paragraph (b) there were substituted such other period as may be specified in the order.
 - (4) A consent under this paragraph which is not acted on within the period of six months beginning with the day on which it is granted shall cease to have effect at the end of that period.
 - (5) In this paragraph—

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"the Planning Act" means [^{F1}the Town and Country Planning Act 1990]or the ^{M1}Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972;

"planning permission" means a planning permission granted under Part III of the Planning Act.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words substituted by Planning (Consequential Provisions) Act 1990 (c. 11, SIF 123:1, 2), s. 4, Sch. 2 para. 83(1)

Marginal Citations

M1 1972 c. 52.

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies to land which—
 - (a) for the purposes of the ^{M2}Acquisition of Land Act 1981, is or forms part of a common, open space or a fuel or field garden allotment; or
 - (b) for the purposes of the ^{M3}Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947, is or forms part of a common or open space.
 - (2) Where for any purpose a licence holder has acquired, or proposes to acquire, any land to which this paragraph applies, or any right over any such land, and other land is required for the purpose of being given in exchange for the land or right in question, the Secretary of State may authorise the licence holder to purchase that other land compulsorily, or he may acquire it by agreement.

Marginal Citations

- M2 1981 c. 67.
- **M3** 1947 c. 42.
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- Where a licence holder has acquired any land by virtue of paragraph 1 above, he shall not dispose of that land or of any interest in or right over it except with the consent of the Director.

PART II

PROCEDURE, COMPENSATION ETC. (ENGLAND AND WALES)

Application of Acquisition of Land Act 1981 generally

- (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the ^{M4}Acquisition of Land Act 1981 shall apply to a compulsory purchase by a licence holder of land or rights in England and Wales; and Schedule 3 to that Act shall apply in the case of a compulsory acquisition by a licence holder of a right by the creation of a new right.
 - (2) Section 16 of, and paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to, the said Act of 1981 (statutory undertakers' land excluded from compulsory purchase) shall not apply where the land or rights in question belong to another licence holder.

Marginal Citations M4 1981 c. 67.

New rights: general adaptation of Compulsory Purchase Act 1965

⁶ The ^{M5}Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 shall have effect with the modifications necessary to make it apply to a licence holder's compulsory acquisition of a right in England and Wales by the creation of a new right as it applies to the compulsory acquisition of land, so that, in appropriate contexts, references in that Act to land are to be read as referring, or as including references, to the right acquired or to be acquired, or to land over which the right is or is to be exercisable, according to the requirements of the particular context.

Marginal Citations M5 1965 c. 56.

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New rights: specific adaptations of Act of 1965

- 7 Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 6 above, Part I of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 shall apply in relation to a licence holder's compulsory acquisition of a right in England and Wales by the creation of a new right with the modifications specified in paragraphs 8 to 13 below.
- 8 For section 7 of that Act (measure of compensation) there shall be substituted the following section—
 - "7 In assessing the compensation to be paid by the acquiring authority under this Act regard shall be had not only to the extent (if any) to which the value of the land over which the right is to be acquired is depreciated by the acquisition of the right but also to the damage (if any) to be sustained by the owner of the land by reason of its severance from other land of his, or injuriously affecting that other land by the exercise of the powers conferred by this or the special Act."

For subsection (1) of section 8 of that Act (protection for vendor against severance of house, garden, etc.) there shall be substituted the following subsections—

"(1) No person shall be required to grant any right over part only—

- (a) of any house, building or manufactory; or
- (b) of a park or garden belonging to a house,

if he is willing to sell the whole of the house, building, manufactory, park or garden, unless the Lands Tribunal determine that—

- (i) in the case of a house, building or manufactory, the part over which the right is proposed to be acquired can be made subject to that right without material detriment to the house, building or manufactory; or
- (ii) in the case of a park or garden, the part over which the right is proposed to be acquired can be made subject to that right without seriously affecting the amenity or convenience of the house;

	and if the Lands Tribunal so determine, the Tribunal shall award compensation in respect of any loss due to the acquisition of the right, in addition to its value; and thereupon the party interested shall be required to grant to the acquiring authority that right over the part of the house, building, manufactory, park or garden.
	(1A) In considering the extent of any material detriment to a house, building or manufactory, or any extent to which the amenity or convenience of a house is affected, the Lands Tribunal shall have regard not only to the right which is to be acquired over the land, but also to any adjoining or adjacent land belonging to the same owner and subject to compulsory purchase."
10	The following provisions of that Act (being provisions stating the effect of a deed poll executed in various circumstances where there is no conveyance by persons with interests in the land)—
	section 9(4) (refusal by owners to convey); Schedule 1, paragraph 10(3) (owners under incapacity);
	Schedule 2, paragraph 2(3) (absent and untraced owners); and Schedule 4, paragraphs 2(3) and 7(2) (common land),
	shall be so modified as to secure that, as against persons with interests in the land which are expressed to be overridden by the deed, the right which is to be compulsorily acquired is vested absolutely in the acquiring authority.
11	Section 11 of that Act (powers of entry) shall be so modified as to secure that, as from the date on which the acquiring authority have served notice to treat in respect of any right, they have power, exercisable in the like circumstances and subject to the like conditions, to enter for the purpose of exercising that right (which shall be deemed for this purpose to have been created on the date of service of the notice); and sections 12 (penalty for unauthorised entry) and 13 (entry on sheriff's warrant in the event of obstruction) shall be modified correspondingly.
12	Section 20 of that Act (protection for interests of tenants at will etc.) shall apply with the modifications necessary to secure that persons with such interests as are mentioned in that section are compensated in a manner corresponding to that in which they would be compensated on a compulsory acquisition of that land, but taking into account only the extent (if any) of such interference with such an interest as is actually caused, or likely to be caused, by the exercise of the right in question.
13	Section 22 of that Act (protection of acquiring authority's possession where by inadvertence an estate, right or interest has not been got in) shall be so modified as to enable the acquiring authority, in circumstances corresponding to those referred to in that section, to continue entitled to exercise the right acquired, subject to compliance with that section as respects compensation.
	New rights compensation

New rights: compensation

14 The enactments in force in England and Wales with respect to compensation for the compulsory purchase of land shall apply with the necessary modifications as respects compensation in the case of a licence holder's compulsory acquisition of a right by the creation of a new right as they apply to compensation on the compulsory purchase of land and interests in land.

PART III

PROCEDURE, COMPENSATION ETC. (SCOTLAND)

Application of Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947 generally

- (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the ^{M6}Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947 shall apply to the compulsory purchase by a licence holder of land or rights in Scotland as if the licence holder were a local authority within the meaning of that Act, and as if this Act had been in force immediately before the commencement of that Act.
 - (2) Paragraph 10 of the First Schedule to that Act (statutory undertakers' land excluded from compulsory purchase) shall not apply where the land or rights in question belong to another licence holder.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 Sch. 3 Pt. III para. 15: transfer of certain functions (S.) (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, arts. 1, 2, Sch. 1 (with art. 7)

Marginal Citations M6 1947 c. 42.

New rights: general application of Act of 1947 and incorporated enactments

16 The Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947, and the enactments incorporated with this Act by virtue of paragraph 15 above and paragraph 1 of the Second Schedule to that Act shall have effect with the modifications necessary to make them apply to a licence holder's compulsory acquisition of a right in Scotland by the creation of a new right (other than a right to abstract, divert and use water) as they apply to the compulsory acquisition of land, so that, in appropriate contexts, references in those enactments and that Act to land are to be read as referring, or as including references, to the right acquired or to be acquired, or to land over which the right is or is to be exercisable, according to the requirements of the particular context.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 Sch. 3 Pt. III para. 16: transfer of certain functions (S.) (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, arts. 1, 2, Sch. 1 (with art. 7)

New rights: specific adaptations of Act of 1947

17 Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 16 above, Part III of the First Schedule to the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947 (requirement of special parliamentary procedure, and other special provisions, in the case of acquisition of certain descriptions of land) shall apply in relation to a licence holder's compulsory acquisition of a right in Scotland by the creation of a new right with the modifications specified in paragraphs 18 to 23 below.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

Sch. 3 Pt. III para. 17: transfer of certain functions (S.) (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, arts. 1, 2, Sch. **C4** 1 (with art. 7)

18 In paragraph 9 of that Schedule (compulsory purchase affecting land of the National Trust for Scotland) for references to the compulsory purchase of land there shall be substituted references to the compulsory acquisition of rights over land.

In paragraph 10 of that Schedule (land of statutory undertakers)-

- for the words "land comprised in the order" there shall be substituted the (a) words "land over which a right is to be acquired by virtue of the order";
- for the words "purchase of" there shall be substituted the words (b) "acquisition of a right over";
- (c) for the words "it can be purchased and not replaced" there shall be substituted the words "the right can be acquired"; and
- (d) for sub-paragraph (ii) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph-
 - "(ii) that any detriment to the carrying on of the undertaking, in consequence of the acquisition of the right, can be made good by the undertakers by the use of other land belonging to, or available for acquisition by, them".
- In paragraph 11 of that Schedule (common or open space), for sub-paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph-
 - "(1) In so far as a compulsory purchase order authorises the acquisition of a right over land forming part of a common or open space, it shall be subject to special parliamentary procedure unless the Secretary of State is satisfied
 - that the land, when burdened with that right, will be no less (a) advantageous to those persons in whom it is vested and other persons, if any, entitled to rights of common or other rights, and to the public, than it was before;
 - that there has been or will be given in exchange for the right (b) additional land which will as respects the persons in whom there is vested the land over which the right is to be acquired, the persons, if any, entitled to rights of common or other rights over that land, and the public, be adequate to compensate them for the disadvantages which result from the acquisition of the right, and that the additional land has been or will be vested in the persons in whom there is vested the land over which the right is to be acquired, and subject to the like rights, trusts and incidents as attach to that land apart from the compulsory purchase order; or
 - that the land affected by the right to be acquired does not exceed (c) 250 square yards in extent, and that the giving of other land in exchange for the right is unnecessary, whether in the interests of the persons, if any, entitled to rights of common or other rights or in the interests of the public,

and certifies accordingly."

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C5 Sch. 3 Pt. III para. 20: transfer of certain functions (S.) (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, arts. 1, 2, Sch. 1 (with art. 7)

- 21 In paragraph 12 of that Schedule, for the words "the purchase of" there shall be substituted the words "the acquisition of a right over".
- ²² Paragraph 3(1) of the Second Schedule to the ^{M7}Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947 shall be so modified as to secure that, as from the date on which the licence holder has served notice to treat in respect of any right, it has power, exercisable in the like circumstances and subject to the like conditions, to enter for the purpose of exercising that right (which shall be deemed for this purpose to have been created on the date of service of the notice).

Marginal Citations M7 1947 c. 42.

- For paragraph 4 of that Schedule (protection for owner against severance of property) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—
 - "4

No person shall be required to grant any right over part only-

- (a) of any house, building or manufactory; or
- (b) of a park or garden belonging to a house,

if he is willing to sell the whole of the house, building, manufactory, park or garden, unless the Lands Tribunal for Scotland determines that—

- (i) in the case of a house, building or manufactory, the part over which the right is proposed to be acquired can be made subject to that right without material detriment to the house, building or manufactory; or
- (ii) in the case of a park or garden, the part over which the right is proposed to be acquired can be made subject to that right without seriously affecting the amenity or convenience of the house;

and if it so determines, it shall award compensation in respect of any loss due to the acquisition of the right, in addition to its value; and thereupon the party interested shall be required to grant to the acquiring authority that right over the part of the house, building, manufactory, park or garden.

4A In considering, for the purposes of paragraph 4 above, the extent of any material detriment to a house, building or manufactory, or any extent to which the amenity or convenience of a house is affected, the Lands Tribunal for Scotland shall have regard not only to the right which is to be acquired over the land, but also to any adjoining or adjacent land belonging to the same owner and subject to compulsory purchase."

New rights: specific adaptations of Lands Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act 1845

Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 16 above, the ^{M8}Lands Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act 1845 shall apply in relation to a licence holder's compulsory acquisition of a right in Scotland by the creation of a new right with the modifications specified in paragraphs 25 to 28 below.

Marginal Citations M8 1845 c. 19.		
25	For section 61 of that Act (estimation of compensation) there shall be substituted the following section—	
	"61 In estimating the purchase money or compensation to be paid by the licence holder under the special Act, in any of the cases aforesaid, regard shall be had not only to the extent (if any) to which the value of the land over which the right is to be acquired is depreciated by the acquisition of the right, but also to the damage (if any) to be sustained by the owner of the land by reason of its severance from other land of his, or injuriously affecting that other land by the exercise of the powers conferred by this or the special Act."	
26	The following provisions of that Act (being provisions stating the effect of a notarial instrument or of a disposition executed in various circumstances where there is no conveyance by persons with interests in the land)— section 74 (failure by owner to convey);	
	section 76 (refusal to convey or show title or owner cannot be found); section 98 (vesting of common land),	
	shall be so modified as to secure that, as against persons with interests in the land over which the right is to be compulsorily acquired, such right is vested absolutely in the licence holder.	
27	Sections 114 (compensation to be made to tenants for a year etc.) and 115 (compensation where greater interest than tenant for a year) of that Act shall apply with the modifications necessary to secure that persons with such interests as are mentioned in those sections are compensated in a manner corresponding to that in which they would be compensated on a compulsory acquisition of that land, but taking into account only the extent (if any) of such interference with such an interest as is actually caused, or likely to be caused, by the exercise of the right in question	
28	Sections 117 (protection of promoter of undertaking where by inadvertence are interest in land has not been purchased etc.) and 118 (provisions supplementary to section 117) of that Act shall be so modified as to enable the licence holder in circumstances corresponding to those referred to in those sections, to continue entitled to exercise the right acquired, subject to compliance with those sections as respects compensation.	
	New rights: compensation	
29	The enactments in force in Scotland with respect to compensation for the compulsory purchase of land shall apply as respects compensation in the case of a licence holder's compulsory acquisition of a right by the creation of a new right (other than a right to abstract, divert and use water) as they apply to compensation on the compulsory purchase of land and interests in land.	

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SCHEDULE 9

Section 38.

PRESERVATION OF AMENITY AND FISHERIES.

Preservation of amenity: England and Wales

- (1) In formulating any relevant proposals, a licence holder or a person authorised by exemption to [^{F1}generate, [^{F2}distribute, supply or participate in the transmission of] electricity]—
 - (a) shall have regard to the desirability of preserving natural beauty, of conserving flora, fauna and geological or physiographical features of special interest and of protecting sites, buildings and objects of architectural, historic or archeological interest; and
 - (b) shall do what he reasonably can to mitigate any effect which the proposals would have on the natural beauty of the countryside or on any such flora, fauna, features, sites, buildings or objects.
 - (2) In considering any relevant proposals for which [^{F3}its] consent is required under section 36 or 37 of this Act, the [^{F4}appropriate authority] shall have regard to—
 - (a) the desirability of the matters mentioned in paragraph (a) of sub-pargaraph (1) above; and
 - (b) the extent to which the person by whom the proposals were formulated has complied with his duty under paragraph (b) of that sub-paragraph.
 - (3) In this paragraph—

[^{F5}"appropriate authority" has the meaning given by section 36(10)(b) or (c) of this Act;]

"building" includes structure;

"relevant proposals" means any proposals-

- (a) for the construction or extension of a generating station of a capacity not less than 10 megawatts, or for the opreation of such a station in a different manner;
- (b) for the installation (whether above or below ground) of an electric line; or
- (c) for the execution of any other works for or in connection with the transmission or supply of electricity.
- (4) The [^{F6}appropriate authority] may by order provide that sub-paragraph (3) above shall have effect as if for the capacity mentioned in paragraph (a) there were substituted such other capacity as may be specified in the order.
- (5) This paragraph and paragraph 2 below extend to England and Wales only.

Textual Amendments

- F1 Words in Sch. 9 para. 1(1) substituted (1.10.2001) by S.I. 2001/3264, art. 6
- F2 Words in Sch. 9 para. 1(1) substituted (1.9.2004) by Energy Act 2004 (c. 20), s. 198(2), Sch. 19 para. 16; S.I. 2004/2184, art. 2(2), Sch. 2
- F3 Word in Sch. 9 para. 1(2) substituted (1.4.2019) by Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), s. 71(4), Sch. 6 para. 51(a) (i) (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6, 8); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 5(b)
- F4 Words in Sch. 9 para. 1(2) substituted (1.4.2019) by Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), s. 71(4), Sch. 6 para. 51(a) (ii) (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6, 8); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 5(b)
- Words in Sch. 9 para. 1(3) inserted (1.4.2019) by Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), s. 71(4), Sch. 6 para. 51(b) (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6, 8); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 5(b)
- F6 Words in Sch. 9 para. 1(4) substituted (1.4.2019) by Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), s. 71(4), Sch. 6 para. 51(c) (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6, 8); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 5(b)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Sch. 9 para. 1(2) modified (1.4.2010) by Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), ss. 12(5)(b), 324(3); S.I. 2010/298, art. 2, Sch. para. 4 (with art. 4(1))
- 2 (1) A licence holder shall within twelve months from the grant of his licence prepare, and from time to time modify, a statement setting out the manner in which he proposes to perform his duty under paragraph 1(1) above, including in particular the consultation procedures which he intends to follow.
 - (2) Before preparing or modifying a statement under this paragraph, a licence holder shall consult the [^{F7}Countryside Agency], [^{F8}and—
 - (a) where the activities which he is authorised by his licence to carry on include activities in England, [^{F9}Natural England] and the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England; and
 - (b) where those activities include activities in Wales, [^{F10}the Natural Resources Body for Wales] and the [^{F11}National Assembly] for Wales.]
 - (3) As soon as practicable after preparing or modifying a statement under this paragraph, the licence holder shall publish the statement as so prepared or so modified in such manner as he considers appropriate.

Textual Amendments

- F7 Words in Sch. 9 para. 2 substituted (20.2.1999) by S.I. 1999/416, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 13
- **F8** Words in Sch. 9 para. 2(2) substituted (1.4.1991) by Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c. 43, SIF 46:4), s. 132(1)(a), Sch. 9 para. 16(a); S.I. 1991/685, art. 3
- F9 Words in Sch. 9 para. 2(2) substituted (1.10.2006) by Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16), s. 107, Sch. 11 para. 115(b); S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)
- F10 Words in Sch. 9 para. 2(2)(b) substituted (1.4.2013) by The Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/755), art. 1(2), Sch. 2 para. 197 (with Sch. 7)
- F11 Words in Sch. 9 para. 2(2)(b) substituted (1.4.2006) by The Historic Buildings Council for Wales (Abolition) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/63), arts. 1(2), 3(4)

Preservation of amenity and fisheries: Scotland

- 3 (1) In formulating any relevant proposals, a licence holder or a person authorised by an exemption to [^{F12}generate, [^{F13}distribute, supply or participate in the transmission of] electricity]—
 - (a) shall have regard to the desirability of preserving natural beauty, of conserving flora, fauna and geological or physiographical features of special interest and of protecting sites, buildings and objects of architectural, historic or archaeological interest; and
 - (b) shall do what he reasonably can to mitigate any effect which the proposals would have on the natural beauty of the countryside or on any such flora, fauna, features, sites, buildings or objects.
 - (2) In considering any relevant proposals for which his consent is required under section 36 or 37 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall have regard to—
 - (a) the desirability of the matters mentioned in paragraph (a) of subparagraph (1) above; and
 - (b) the extent to which the person by whom the proposals were formulated has complied with his duty under paragraph (b) of that sub-paragraph.
 - (3) Without prejudice to sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) above, in exercising any relevant functions each of the following, namely, a licence holder, a person authorised by an exemption to generate or supply electricity and the Secretary of State shall avoid, so far as possible, causing injuries to fisheries or to the stock of fish in any waters.
 - (4) In this paragraph—

"building" includes structure;

"relevant proposals" has the same meaning as in paragraph 1 above and, for the purposes of this paragraph, any such order as is mentioned in subpargaraph (4) of that paragraph may be made under this sub-paragraph;

"relevant functions" means any powers conferred and any duties imposed by or under this Act.

(5) This paragraph and paragraphs 4 and 5 below extend to Scotland only.

Textual Amendments

- F12 Words in Sch. 9 para. 3(1) substituted (1.10.2001) by S.I. 2001/3264, art. 6
- F13 Words in Sch. 9 para. 3(1) substituted (1.9.2004) by Energy Act 2004 (c. 20), s. 198(2), Sch. 19 para. 16; S.I. 2004/2184, art. 2(2), Sch. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2 Sch. 9 para. 3: transfer of certain functions (S.) (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, arts. 1, 2, Sch. 1 (with art. 7)
- 4 (1) A licence holder shall within twelve months from the grant of his licence prepare, and from time to time modify, a statement setting out the manner in which he proposes too perform his duty under paragraph 3(1) above, inlcuding in particular the consultation procedures which he intends to follow.
 - (2) Before preparing or modifying a statement under this paragraph, a licence holder shall consult with [^{F14}Scottish Natural Heritage]^{F15}... [^{F16}and with the National Park authority for any National Park which would be affected by the relevant proposals].

(3) As soon as practicable after preparing or modifying a statement under this paragraph, the licence holder shall publish the statement so prepared or so modified in such a manner as he considers appropriate.

Textual Amendments

- F14 Words in Sch. 9 para. 4(2) substituted (1.4.1992) by Natural Heritage (Scotland) Act 1991 (c. 28, SIF 46:1), ss. 27(1), 28(2), Sch. 10 para. 13; S.I. 1991/2633, art. 4
- F15 Words in Sch. 9 para. 4(2) repealed (31.5.2003) by Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 4), s. 21(2), Sch. 4 para. 10; S.S.I. 2003/219, art. 2(1)(c)
- F16 Words in Sch. 9 para. 4(2) inserted (S.) (9.8.2000) by 2000 asp 10, s. 36, Sch. 5 para. 14(2) (with s. 32); S.I. 2000/312, art. 2

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F17 Sch. 9 para. 5 omitted (1.10.2010) by virtue of Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (c. 29), **ss. 46(3)**, 49(3) (with s. 49(1)(6)); S.I. 2010/2169, art. 4, Sch.

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to Electricity Act 1989. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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- s. 4(1)(f) and word inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 186(3)(b)
- s. 4(1)(ca) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 166(2)
- s. 4(1)(da) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 205(2)(b)
- s. 4(3H)(3I) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 186(4)
- s. 4(3CA) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 205(3)
- s. 4(3EA) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 205(5)
- s. 4(3ZA)(3ZB) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 213
- s. 6(1)(g) and word inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 186(7)(b)
- s. 6(1)(da) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 166(4)
- s. 6(1)(ea) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 205(8)(b)
- s. 6(1ZA)-(1ZC) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 166(5)
- s. 6(2C) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 186(8)
- s. 6(2AA) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 205(9)
- s. 6(2ZA) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 166(6)
- s. 6(6E) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 205(10)
- s. 6(8A) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 166(9)
- s. 6C-6CD substituted for s. 6C6D by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 3
- s. 6F(4A) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 5(4)
- s. 6BA6BB inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 2
- s. 7(3GA) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 186(17)
- s. 7A(11B) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 186(18)
- s. 7A(11ZA) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 166(10)
- s. 8A(1C) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 206(6)
- s. 9(2B) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 177(2)
- s. 10NA inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 207(2)
- s. 11A(9A) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 8
- s. 11E(2)(d) and word inserted by 2013 c. 32 s. 138(5)(b)(iii)
- s. 11AA inserted by 2018 c. 14 s. 13(3)
- s. 15(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. 3(2)(b) (as substituted) by S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 19 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 25(8A) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 14 para. 7(3)
- s. 41A(7C)-(7H) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 214(4)
- s. 41AA(3)(ca)-(cc) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 214(5)(a)(ii)
- s. 41BA(3)(da)-(dc) inserted by 2023 c. 52 s. 214(6)(a)(ii)
- s. 44A inserted by 1992 c. 43 s. 23
- s. 44A(6)(b)(i) words substituted by 2013 c. 22 Sch. 9 para. 52
- s. 44B(1)(a)(iiia) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 17 para. 8
- s. 56C(6)(d) and word inserted by 2013 c. 32 s. 138(5)(d)(ii)
- s. 56FBA56FBB inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 19 para. 2
- Sch. 2A para. 2(5) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 12
- Sch. 2A para. 14(6)(aa)(ab) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 16(b)
- Sch. 2A para. 35(2A) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 21(3)
- Sch. 2A para. 35(4A) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 21(5)
- Sch. 2A para. 36A36B and cross-heading inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 23

Sch. 2A para. 36(2)(2A) substituted for para. 36(2) by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 22(b) _

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- Sch. 4 para. 6(7A) inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 15 para. 25(3) Sch. 6A para. 9ZA and cross-heading inserted by 2023 c. 52 Sch. 14 para. 8 _