



# Electricity Act 1989

## 1989 CHAPTER 29

### PART I

#### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

##### *Licensing of supply etc.*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>6A Procedure for licence applications.**

- (1) This section applies to any application—
- (a) for a licence [<sup>F2</sup>(but this is subject to subsection (1A))]; or
  - [<sup>F3</sup>(b) for the modification of a licence under section 6(4), (6) or (6B).]

[ At any time when regulations made under section 56FC are in force, this section does  
<sup>F4</sup>(1A) not apply to an application for a smart meter communication licence.]

- (2) The application shall be made in such form and manner, and shall contain, or be accompanied by, such information and documents and such fee (if any), as may be prescribed.
- (3) Within the prescribed period after the making of the application the applicant shall publish a notice of the application in the prescribed manner.
- (4) Where the Authority proposes to refuse the application, it shall give to the applicant a notice—
- (a) stating that it proposes to refuse the application;
  - (b) stating the reasons why it proposes to refuse the application; and
  - (c) specifying the time within which representations with respect to the proposed refusal may be made,

and shall consider any representations which are duly made and not withdrawn.

- (5) Where the Authority grants the licence, extension or restriction applied for, it shall as soon as practicable thereafter send a notice of the grant to any person who holds

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a licence and whose interests may, in the opinion of the Authority, be affected by the grant.

- (6) In this section “prescribed” means prescribed in regulations made by the Authority.
- (7) Any sums received by the Authority under this section shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 6, 6A, 6B substituted for s. 6 (16.5.2001 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.10.2001) by [2000 c. 27, s. 30](#); [S.I. 2001/1781, art. 2, Sch.](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [arts. 3-10](#)); [S.I. 2001/3266, art. 2, Sch.](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [arts. 3-20](#))
- F2** Words in s. 6A(1)(a) inserted (19.9.2012) by [The Electricity and Gas \(Smart Meters Licensable Activity\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2400\)](#), arts. 1, [7\(2\)](#)
- F3** S. 6A(1)(b) substituted (1.9.2004) by [Energy Act 2004 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 198(2), [Sch. 19 para. 6](#); [S.I. 2004/2184, art. 2\(2\), Sch. 2](#)
- F4** S. 6A(1A) inserted (19.9.2012) by [The Electricity and Gas \(Smart Meters Licensable Activity\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2400\)](#), arts. 1, [7\(3\)](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 6A excluded (2.6.2009) by [The Electricity \(Competitive Tenders for Offshore Transmission Licences\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1340\)](#), regs. 1, [28\(2\)](#)
- C2** S. 6A disapplied (29.7.2010) by [The Electricity \(Competitive Tenders for Offshore Transmission Licences\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1903\)](#), regs. 1, [30\(2\)](#) (with reg. 31)
- C3** Ss. 6A, 6B excluded (22.2.2013) by [The Electricity \(Competitive Tenders for Offshore Transmission Licences\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/175\)](#), regs. 1(1), [34\(2\)](#)
- C4** Ss. 6A, 6B restricted (3.8.2015) by [The Electricity \(Competitive Tenders for Offshore Transmission Licences\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1555\)](#), regs. 1(1), [35\(2\)](#) (with reg. 2)
- C5** S. 6A(5) applied (with modifications) (1.12.2004) by [Energy Act 2004 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 148\(3\)](#), 198(2); [S.I. 2004/2575, art. 2\(2\), Sch. 2](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 6A(5) modified by [2023 c. 52 s. 208\(3\)](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- 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. 6(1)(g) and word inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 6(1)(ea) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 205\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 6(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(8\)](#)
- s. 6(2AA) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 205\(9\)](#)
- s. 6(6E) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 205\(10\)](#)
- s. 7(3GA) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(17\)](#)
- s. 7A(11B) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(18\)](#)
- s. 8A(1C) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 206\(6\)](#)
- s. 10NA inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 207\(2\)](#)
- 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. 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\(5\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 5A para. 2(1A) inserted by [2018 c. 14 s. 13\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 6A para. 9ZA and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 14 para. 8](#)