



# Utilities Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 27

### PART IV

#### AMENDMENT OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

##### *Duties of electricity distributors*

#### **47 Power to require security.**

(1) Section 20 of the 1989 Act (power to require security) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (1) there is substituted—

“(1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, an electricity distributor may require any person who requires a connection in pursuance of section 16(1) to give him reasonable security for the payment to him under section 19 in respect of the provision of any electric line or electrical plant.

(1A) If a person fails to give any security required under subsection (1), or the security given has become invalid or insufficient, and he fails to provide alternative or additional security, the electricity distributor may if he thinks fit—

- (a) if the connection has not been made, refuse to provide the line or plant for so long as the failure continues; or
- (b) if the connection is being maintained, disconnect the premises or distribution system in question.”

(3) In subsection (3), for “a public electricity supplier” and “supplier” (in each place) there is substituted respectively “ an electricity distributor ” and “ distributor ”.

(4) Subsections (2) and (4) shall cease to have effect.

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#### **Commencement Information**

- II** S. 47 wholly in force at 1.10.2001; s. 47 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 110(2); s. 47 in force at 1.10.2001 by [S.I. 2001/3266](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [arts. 3-20](#))

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**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. 5(3A) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 197\(2\)](#)
- s. 33(1)(f) word omitted by [2018 c. 14 s. 6\(10\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The word "or" is already omitted present (19.7.2018) by virtue of [2018 c. 21, ss. 11\(2\), 13\(2\)](#))