



Utilities Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 27

PART IV

AMENDMENT OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

Electricity performance standards

55 Overall standards of performance.

After section 40 of the 1989 Act there is inserted—

“40A Overall standards of performance: electricity distributors.

- (1) The Authority may from time to time—
 - (a) determine such standards of overall performance in connection with the activities of electricity distributors as, in its opinion, ought to be achieved by them; and
 - (b) arrange for the publication, in such form and in such manner as it considers appropriate, of the standards so determined.
- (2) Different standards may be determined for different electricity distributors if the Authority is of the opinion that the differences are such that no electricity distributor would be unduly disadvantaged in competing with other electricity distributors.
- (3) It shall be the duty of every electricity distributor to conduct his business in such a way as can reasonably be expected to lead to his achieving the standards set under this section.”

Commencement Information

- II** S. 55 wholly in force at 1.10.2001; s. 55 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 110(2); s. 55 in force for specified purposes at 16.5.2001 by [S.I. 2001/1781](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#) (subject to transitional provisions)

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in [arts. 3-10](#)); s. 55 in force for all remaining purposes at 1.10.2001 by [S.I. 2001/3266](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#)
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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\(2\)](#))