



# Utilities Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 27

### PART I

#### NEW REGULATORY ARRANGEMENTS

#### **6 Publication of advice and information about consumer matters.**

- (1) For section 35 of the 1986 Act (publication by Director of information and advice) there is substituted—

**“35 Publication of advice and information about consumer matters.**

- (1) If it appears to the Authority that the publication of any advice and information would promote the interests of consumers in relation to gas conveyed through pipes, the Authority may publish that advice or information in such manner as it thinks fit.
- (2) In publishing advice or information under this section the Authority shall have regard to the need for excluding, so far as that is practicable, any matter which relates to the affairs of a particular individual or body of persons (corporate or unincorporate), where publication of that matter would or might, in the opinion of the Authority, seriously and prejudicially affect the interests of that individual or body.
- (3) Before deciding to publish under this section any advice or information relating to a particular individual or body of persons the Authority shall consult that individual or body.
- (4) In this section “consumers” includes both existing and future consumers.”
- (2) For subsections (1) and (2) of section 48 of the 1989 Act (publication by Director of information and advice) there is substituted—
- “(1) If it appears to the Authority that the publication of any advice and information would promote the interests of consumers in relation to electricity conveyed

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(2A) Before deciding to publish under this section any advice or information relating to a particular individual or body of persons the Authority shall consult that individual or body.”

(3) After subsection (3) of that section there is inserted—

“(4) In this section “consumers” includes both existing and future consumers.”

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 6 wholly in force at 20.12.2000, see s. 102(2)(3) and [S.I. 2000/3343](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#) (subject to [arts. 3-15](#))

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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\(2\)](#))