



# Utilities Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 27

### PART IV

#### AMENDMENT OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

##### *Miscellaneous*

#### **72 Uniform prices etc. in certain areas of Scotland.**

After section 7A of the 1989 Act (which is inserted by section 41 above) there is inserted—

##### **“7B Uniform prices etc. in certain areas of Scotland.**

(1) The Secretary of State may, by an order made under this section, require the holder of—

- (a) a transmission licence; or
- (b) a distribution licence,

to apply in respect of the use of the transmission or, as the case may be, distribution system, or any part of the system, in a specified area charges which do not distinguish (whether directly or indirectly) between users in different parts of the area.

(2) The Secretary of State may, by such an order, require the holder of a supply licence—

- (a) to charge prices; or
- (b) to offer conditions of contract,

in respect of a comparable supply of electricity in a specified area which do not distinguish (whether directly or indirectly) between consumers in different parts of the area.

(3) The Secretary of State shall not specify in such an order any particular or maximum charge or price or any particular condition of contract.

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- (4) Such an order may make different provision for different cases or descriptions of case.
- (5) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) a specified area is an area of Scotland specified in such an order; and
  - (b) supplies of electricity are comparable if they are—
    - (i) at the same or similar voltages; and
    - (ii) are in accordance with the same or similar demand characteristics.”

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**Commencement Information**

- II** S. 72 wholly in force at 1.10.2001; s. 72 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 110(2); s. 72 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\(2\)](#))