

ENERGY ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Sustainability and Renewable Energy Sources

Chapter 2: Offshore Production of Energy

Section 90: Modification of licence conditions for offshore transmission and distribution

246. This section empowers the Secretary of State to modify the standard conditions of transmission and distribution licences (and make incidental, consequential or transitional changes to particular transmission or distribution licences) and associated codes. This power will enable the Secretary of State to reflect in standard licence conditions the different environment offshore, for example the differences in engineering involved in putting cables in the sea rather than on land. The power is only exercisable within 18 months of the commencement of the section.