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## SCHEDULES

## SCHEDULE 17

## PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS

## PART 2

PROTECTION FOR ELECTRICITY, GAS, WATER AND SEWERAGE UNDERTAKERS

- (1) The following provisions of this Part shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the nominated undertaker, or the Secretary of State as the case may be, and the undertakers concerned, have effect.
  - (2) In this Part—

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"alternative apparatus" means alternative apparatus adequate to enable the undertakers to fulfil their functions as effectively as is achievable using the apparatus which the alternative apparatus is to replace;

"apparatus" means—

- (a) in the case of electricity undertakers, electric lines or electrical plant (as defined in the Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29)) belonging to, or maintained by, such undertakers;
- (b) in the case of gas undertakers, mains, pipes or other apparatus belonging to, or maintained by, a gas transporter for the purposes of the conveyance or storage of gas;
- (c) in the case of water undertakers, mains, pipes or other apparatus belonging to, or maintained by, such undertakers for the purposes of water supply; and
- (d) in the case of sewerage undertakers, any sewer, drain or works vested in a sewerage undertaker under the Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56) and includes a sludge main, disposal main (within the meaning of section 219 of that Act) or sewer outfall and any manholes, ventilating shafts, pumps or other accessories forming part of any such sewer, drain or works;

(not being, except in paragraph 9(3) and 10, apparatus in respect of which the relations between the nominated undertaker and the undertakers are regulated by the provisions of Part 3 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22)) and includes any structure for the lodging therein of apparatus or for giving access to apparatus;

"construction" includes execution, placing, altering, replacing, relaying and removal and, in its application to works which include or comprise any operation, means the carrying out of that operation;

"functions" includes powers and duties;

"in" in a context referring to apparatus in land includes under, over, across, along or upon land;

"plans" includes sections and method statements;

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"service obligations" means any service obligation imposed on the undertakers by or under the enactments authorising them to carry on their respective undertakings; and

"undertakers" means any of the following, namely, a licence holder within the meaning of Part 1 of the Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29), a gas transporter within the meaning of Part 1 of the Gas Act 1986 (c. 44), a water undertaker within the meaning of the Water Industry Act 1991, a sewerage undertaker within Part 1 of that Act and any local authority which is a relevant authority for the purposes of section 97 of that Act; and, in relation to any apparatus, means the undertaker to whom it belongs or by whom it is maintained.