



Energy Act 2013

2013 CHAPTER 32

PART 4

GOVERNMENT PIPE-LINE AND STORAGE SYSTEM

126 Application of the Pipe-lines Act 1962

- (1) Subsection (3) applies in relation to any part of the government pipe-line and storage system which is for the time being owned otherwise than by the Secretary of State.
- (2) In subsection (1) “owned” is to be construed in accordance with the definition of “owner” in section 66(1) of the Pipe-lines Act 1962.
- (3) The following sections of that Act, namely—
 - (a) section 10 (provisions for securing that a pipe-line is so used as to reduce necessity for construction of others),
 - (b) section 36 (notification of abandonment, cesser of use and resumption of use of pipe-lines or lengths thereof),apply in relation to any such part as if it were a pipe-line constructed pursuant to a pipe-line construction authorisation.
- (4) Section 40(2) of that Act (application of the electronic communications code) applies—
 - (a) for the purposes of GPSS works as it applies for the purposes of works in pursuance of a compulsory rights order,
 - (b) to a person executing GPSS works as it applies to a person authorised to execute works in pursuance of such an order.
- (5) In subsection (4) “GPSS works” means—
 - (a) works for inspecting, maintaining, adjusting, repairing, altering or renewing the government pipe-line and storage system or any part of it;
 - (b) works for changing the position of the system or any part of it;
 - (c) works for removing the system or any part of it;

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- (d) breaking up or opening land for the purpose of works falling within paragraph (a), (b) or (c), or tunnelling or boring for that purpose;
 - (e) other works incidental to anything falling within paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d).
- (6) To the extent that anything done under or by virtue of this Part constitutes the execution of pipe-line works for the purposes of section 45 of the Pipe-lines Act 1962 (obligation to restore agricultural land), subsection (3) of that section has effect as if after “this Act” there were inserted “ or any provision of Part 4 of the Energy Act 2013 ”.

Commencement Information

II [S. 126](#) in force at 30.4.2015 by [S.I. 2015/817](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 68(4) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 302\(4\)](#)