



Electricity Act 1947

1947 CHAPTER 54

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL.

Further Provisions relating to Electricity Supply.

49 Supply of electricity to railways.

- (1) As from the vesting date, it shall be the duty of the Central Authority to provide, except in the North of Scotland District, and it shall be the duty of the North of Scotland Board to provide in that District, a supply of electricity to meet the requirements for haulage or traction of any railway undertakers, and an Area Board shall not, without the approval of the Central Authority, supply electricity to any railway undertakers for the purposes of haulage or traction.
- (2) The terms and conditions on which electricity is supplied by an Electricity Board to any railway undertakers for the purposes of haulage or traction shall be determined in accordance with regulations made by the Minister and the Minister of Transport jointly, or, in the case of a supply by the North of Scotland Board, the Secretary of State and the Minister of Transport jointly, and such regulations shall make provision for securing that the charges made for any such supply and the other terms and conditions on which it is provided are such as to avoid financial loss resulting to the Electricity Board from the provision of the supply.
- (3) Where electricity is supplied by an Electricity Board to any railway undertakers for the purposes of haulage or traction, the Board may enter into an agreement with the railway undertakers for the use of that supply, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed, for any other purposes for which electricity may be required by the railway undertakers :

Provided that an Area Board shall not make an agreement under this subsection which involves the use of the supply outside the area of that Board, unless the agreement has been approved by the Central Authority.

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- (4) The Central Authority may, with the approval of the North of Scotland Board, provide in the North of Scotland District a supply of electricity to railway undertakers under this section, and a supply provided by the Central Authority outside the said District may, with the like approval, be used in that District.
- (5) The North of Scotland Board may, with the approval of the Central Authority, provide outside the North of Scotland District a supply of electricity to railway undertakers under this section, and a supply provided by the North of Scotland Board in the said District may, with the like approval, be used outside that District.
- (6) Where an Area Board provide within their area, with the approval of the Central Authority, a supply of electricity to any railway undertakers under this section, that supply may be used outside the area of the Area Board:

Provided that any such supply of electricity shall not be used in the North of Scotland District without the approval of the North of Scotland Board.

- (7) Without prejudice to any other enactment providing for the protection of telegraphic lines belonging to or used by the Postmaster General, any electricity supplied under this section to any railway undertakers shall be used in such manner as not to cause, or to be likely to cause, any interference (whether by induction or otherwise) with any such telegraphic line, or with telegraphic communication by means of any such line.

In this subsection the expression " telegraphic line " has the same meaning as in the Telegraph Act, 1878.

50 Use of heat from generating stations.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Central Authority to investigate methods by which heat obtained from or in connection with the generation of electricity may be used for the heating of buildings in neighbouring localities, or for any other useful purpose, and the Authority may accordingly conduct, or assist others in conducting, research into any matters relating to such methods of using heat.
- (2) Any Electricity Board may themselves provide, or assist other persons to provide, for the heating of buildings by such methods as aforesaid or otherwise for the use of heat obtained as aforesaid.
- (3) Any Electricity Board may, in accordance with a scheme submitted by them to the Minister and approved by order of the Minister, exercise for the purposes mentioned in the last foregoing subsection any powers of that Board under this Act (including any enactments incorporated therewith) or the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, or any local enactment, being powers relating to the breaking-up of streets, railways and tramways, in like manner and subject to the like provisions and restrictions as they are exercisable for the purposes of the supply of electricity, subject to such adaptations as may be prescribed by the order:

Provided that, in the case of a scheme of the North of Scotland Board, the scheme shall be submitted to, and approved by order of, the Secretary of State.

- (4) Any order made under this section shall be subject to Special parliamentary procedure.

51 Power to break up streets for certain purposes.

- (1) Where any Area Board or the North of Scotland Board—

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- (a) acquire a bulk supply of electricity which is received by them outside their area or, as the case may be, outside the North of Scotland District; or
- (b) provide a supply of electricity outside their area or, as the case may be, outside the North of Scotland District,

the Board may, in accordance with proposals submitted by them to the Minister and approved by him, exercise for the purpose of such acquisition or the provision of such supply any powers of that Board under this Act (including any enactment incorporated therewith) or the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, or any local enactment, being powers relating to the breaking up of streets, railways and tramways which would not otherwise be so exercisable:

Provided that, in the case of the North of Scotland Board, the proposals shall be submitted to and approved by the Secretary of State, and the references to the enactments aforesaid shall include a reference to the Act of 1943.

- (2) The powers conferred by this section shall be exercisable in like manner and subject to the like provisions and restrictions as they are exercisable by the Board concerned for the purpose of the supply of electricity in the area or District of the Board.

52 Extension of period for certification of meters.

The period of ten years specified in section three of the Electricity Supply (Meters) Act, 1936, (which provides that certain meters shall be deemed to be proper meters for ascertaining the value of a supply), being the period after which that section is to cease to apply to any meters, shall be extended by a further period of five years, and accordingly for the words " ten years " in subsection (3) of that section there shall be substituted the words " fifteen years ".