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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No. 3200**

**The National Grid (King's Lynn B  
Power Station Connection) Order 2013**

**PART 5**

**Powers of acquisition**

**Compulsory acquisition of rights**

**18.**—(1) The undertaker may create and acquire compulsorily new rights affecting the Order land described in the book of reference and shown on the land plans.

(2) As from the date on which a compulsory acquisition notice is served or the date on which any new right is vested in the undertaker, whichever is the later, the land or any part of it over which any new right is acquired shall be discharged from all rights, trusts and incidents to which it was previously subject so far as their continuance would be inconsistent with the exercise of that new right.

(3) Subject to section 8 of the 1965 Act, as substituted by article 22 (acquisition of part of certain properties), where the undertaker acquires an existing right over land under paragraph (1), the undertaker shall not be required to acquire a greater interest in that land.

(4) Any person who suffers loss as a result of the extinguishment or suspension of any private right of way under this article shall be entitled to compensation to be determined, in case of dispute, under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.

**Power to override interests, rights and restrictions**

**19.**—(1) Any authorised activity which takes place on land within the Order limits (whether the activity is undertaken by the undertaker, by its statutory successor, by any person deriving title under them or by any of their servants or agents) is authorised by this Order if it is done in accordance with the terms of this Order, notwithstanding that it involves—

- (a) an interference with an interest or right to which this article applies; or
- (b) a breach of a restriction as to the user of land arising by virtue of a contract.

(2) In this article “authorised activity” means—

- (a) the erection, construction or carrying out, or maintenance of any building or work on land;
- (b) the erection, construction, or maintenance or anything in, on, over or under land; or
- (c) the use of any land.

(3) The interests and rights to which this article applies are any easement, liberty, privilege, right or advantage annexed to land and adversely affecting other land, including any natural right to support.

(4) In respect of any interference or breach in pursuance of this article, compensation—

- (a) is to be payable under section 63 or 68 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845(1) or under section 7 or 10 of the 1965 Act; and
- (b) is to be assessed in the same manner and subject to the same rules as in the case of other compensation under those sections where—
  - (i) the compensation is to be estimated in connection with a purchase under those Acts; or
  - (ii) the injury arises from the execution of works on or use of land acquired under those Acts.

(5) Nothing in this article is to be construed as authorising any act or omission on the part of any person which is actionable at the suit of any person on any grounds other than such an interference or breach as is mentioned in paragraphs (1) and (2).

#### **Time limit for exercise of authority to acquire rights compulsorily**

**20.**—(1) After the end of the period of 5 years beginning on the day on which this Order is made—

- (a) no notice to treat is to be served under Part 1 of the 1965 Act (which makes provision for compulsory acquisition under the Acquisition of Land Act 1981); and
- (b) no declaration is to be executed under section 4 of the 1981 Act as applied by article 21 (application of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981).

(2) The authority conferred by article 25 (temporary use of land for carrying out the authorised development) is to cease at the end of the period referred to in paragraph (1), save that nothing in this paragraph is to prevent the undertaker remaining in possession of land after the end of that period, if the land was entered and possession was taken before the end of that period.

#### **Application of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981**

**21.**—(1) The 1981 Act is to apply as if this Order were a compulsory purchase order.

(2) The 1981 Act, as so applied, is to have effect with the following modifications.

(3) In section 3 (preliminary notices), for subsection (1) there is to be substituted—

“(1) Before making a declaration under section 4 with respect to any land which is subject to a compulsory purchase order, the acquiring authority shall include the particulars specified in subsection (3) in a notice which is—

- (a) given to every person with a relevant interest in the land with respect to which the declaration is to be made (other than a mortgagee who is not in possession); and
- (b) published in a local newspaper circulating in the area in which the land is situated.

(4) In that section, in subsection (2), for “(1)(b)” there is to be substituted “(1)” and after “given” there is to be inserted “and published”.

(5) In that section, for subsections (5) and (6) there is to be substituted—

“(5) For the purposes of this section, a person has a relevant interest in land if—

- (a) that person is for the time being entitled to dispose of the fee simple of the land, whether in possession or in reversion; or
- (b) that person holds, or is entitled to the rents and profits of, the land under a lease or agreement, the unexpired term of which exceeds one month.”.

(6) In section 5 (earliest date for execution of declaration)—

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(1) 1845 c. 18. There are amendments to this Act which are not relevant to this Order.

(a) in subsection (1), after “publication” there is to be inserted “in a local newspaper circulating in the area in which the land is situated”; and

(b) subsection (2) is to be omitted.

(7) In section 7 (constructive notice to treat), in subsection (1)(a), the words “(as modified by section 4 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981)” are to be omitted.

(8) References to the 1965 Act in the 1981 Act are to be construed as references to that Act as applied by section 125 of the 2008 Act to the compulsory acquisition of rights under this Order.

### **Acquisition of part of certain properties**

**22.** Paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 is to apply instead of section 8 of the 1965 Act (other provisions as to divided land).

### **Acquisition of subsoil or airspace only**

**23.—**(1) The undertaker may acquire compulsorily such rights in, the subsoil of or the airspace over the land referred to in paragraph (1) of article 18 (compulsory acquisition of rights) as may be required for any purpose for which rights over that land may be acquired under that provision.

(2) Where the undertaker acquires any rights in the subsoil of or the airspace over land under paragraph (1), the undertaker is to not be required to acquire an interest in any other part of the land.

(3) Paragraph (2) does not prevent article 22 (acquisition of part of certain properties) from applying where the undertaker acquires a cellar, vault, arch or other construction forming part of a house or building.

### **Rights under or over streets**

**24.—**(1) The undertaker may enter on and appropriate so much of the subsoil of, or air-space over, any street within the Order limits as may be required for the purposes of the authorised development and may use the subsoil or air-space for those purposes or any other purpose ancillary to the authorised development.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the undertaker may exercise any power conferred by paragraph (1) in relation to a street without being required to acquire any part of the street or any easement or right in the street.

(3) Paragraph (2) is not to apply in relation to—

(a) any subway or underground building; or

(b) any cellar, vault, arch or other construction in, on or under a street which forms part of a building fronting onto the street.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), any person who is an owner or occupier of land appropriated under paragraph (1) without the undertaker acquiring any part of that person’s interest in the land, and who suffers loss as a result, is to be entitled to compensation to be determined, in case of dispute, under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.

(5) Compensation is not to be payable under paragraph (4) to any person who is an undertaker to whom section 85 of the 1991 Act (sharing cost of necessary measures) applies in respect of measures of which the allowable costs are to be borne in accordance with that section.

### **Temporary use of land for carrying out the authorised development**

**25.—**(1) The undertaker may, in connection with the carrying out of the authorised development—

- (a) enter on and take temporary possession of—
    - (i) the land specified in columns (1) and (2) of Schedule 7 (land of which temporary possession may be taken) for the purpose specified in relation to that land in column (3) of that Schedule; and
    - (ii) any of the Order land in respect of which no notice of entry has been served under section 11 of the 1965 Act or no declaration has been made under section 4 of the 1981 Act;
  - (b) remove any buildings and vegetation from that land; and
  - (c) construct temporary works (including the provision of means of access) and buildings on that land.
- (2) Not less than 14 days before entering on and taking temporary possession of land under this article the undertaker must serve notice of the intended entry and its purpose on the owners and occupiers of the land.
- (3) The undertaker may not, without the agreement of the owners of the land, remain in possession of any land under this article—
- (a) in the case of land of which temporary possession may be taken under paragraph (1)(a)(i), after the end of the period of one year beginning with the date of completion of the part of the authorised development specified in relation to that land in column (3) of Schedule 7;
  - (b) in the case of any Order land, of which temporary possession may be taken under paragraph (1)(a)(ii) after the end of the period of one year beginning with the date of completion of the work for which temporary possession of the land was taken unless the undertaker has, by the end of that period, served a notice of entry under section 11 of the 1965 Act or made a declaration under section 4 of the 1981 Act in relation to that land.
- (4) The undertaker must provide the owner of any land over which temporary possession has been taken pursuant to paragraph (3)(a) or (b) with written notice of the date of completion of the work for which that temporary possession was taken within 28 days of the completion of those works.
- (5) Before giving up possession of land of which temporary possession has been taken under this article, the undertaker must remove all temporary works and restore the land to the reasonable satisfaction of the owners of the land; but the undertaker is not to be required to replace a building removed under this article.
- (6) The undertaker must pay compensation to the owners and occupiers of land of which temporary possession is taken under this article for any loss or damage arising from the exercise in relation to the land of the provisions of any power conferred by this article.
- (7) Any dispute as to a person's entitlement to compensation under paragraph (6), or as to the amount of the compensation, is to be determined under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.
- (8) Nothing in this article is to affect any liability to pay compensation under section 152 of the 2008 Act (compensation in case where no right to claim in nuisance) or under any other enactment in respect of loss or damage arising from the carrying out of the authorised development, other than loss or damage for which compensation is payable under paragraph (6).
- (9) The undertaker may not compulsorily acquire under this Order the land referred to in paragraph (1)(a)(i) or (ii) except that the undertaker is not to be precluded from—
- (a) acquiring new rights over any part of that land under article 18 (compulsory acquisition of rights); or
  - (b) acquiring any part of the subsoil or of airspace over (or rights in the subsoil or of airspace over) of that land under article 23 (acquisition of subsoil or airspace only).
- (10) Where the undertaker takes possession of land under this article, the undertaker is not to be required to acquire the land or any interest in it.

(11) Section 13 of the 1965 Act (refusal to give possession to acquiring authority) is to apply to the temporary use of land pursuant to this article to the same extent as it applies to the compulsory acquisition of land under this Order by virtue of section 125 of the 2008 Act (application of compulsory acquisition provisions).

### **Temporary use of land for maintaining the authorised development**

**26.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), at any time during the maintenance period relating to any part of the authorised development, the undertaker may—

- (a) enter on and take temporary possession of any land within the Order limits if such possession is reasonably required for the purpose of maintaining the authorised development; and
- (b) construct such temporary works (including the provision of means of access) and buildings on the land as may be reasonably necessary for that purpose.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not authorise the undertaker to take temporary possession of—

- (a) any house or garden belonging to a house; or
- (b) any building (other than a house) if it is for the time being occupied.

(3) Not less than 28 days before entering on and taking temporary possession of land under this article the undertaker must serve notice of the intended entry on the owners and occupiers of the land.

(4) The undertaker may only remain in possession of land under this article for so long as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the maintenance of the part of the authorised development for which possession of the land was taken.

(5) Before giving up possession of land of which temporary possession has been taken under this article, the undertaker must remove all temporary works and restore the land to the reasonable satisfaction of the owners of the land.

(6) The undertaker must pay compensation to the owners and occupiers of land of which temporary possession is taken under this article for any loss or damage arising from the exercise in relation to the land of the provisions of this article.

(7) Any dispute as to a person's entitlement to compensation under paragraph (6), or as to the amount of the compensation, is to be determined under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.

(8) Nothing in this article is to affect any liability to pay compensation under section 152 of the 2008 Act (compensation in case where no right to claim in nuisance) or under any other enactment in respect of loss or damage arising from the maintenance of the authorised development, other than loss or damage for which compensation is payable under paragraph (6).

(9) Where the undertaker takes possession of land under this article, the undertaker is not to be required to acquire the land or any interest in it.

(10) Section 13 of the 1965 Act (refusal to give possession to acquiring authority) must apply to the temporary use of land pursuant to this article to the same extent as it applies to the compulsory acquisition of land under this Order by virtue of section 125 of the 2008 Act (application of compulsory acquisition provisions).

(11) In this article “the maintenance period”, in relation to the authorised development, means the period of 5 years beginning with the date on which the authorised development is brought into operational use.

### **Statutory undertakers**

27. Subject to the provisions of Schedule 8 (protective provisions), the undertaker may acquire compulsorily the new rights over land belonging to statutory undertakers shown on the land plans and described in the book of reference.

### **Application of landlord and tenant law**

28.—(1) This article applies to—

- (a) any agreement for leasing to any person the whole or any part of the authorised development or the right to operate the same; and
- (b) any agreement entered into by the undertaker with any person for the construction, maintenance, use or operation of the authorised development, or any part of it,

so far as any such agreement relates to the terms on which any land which is the subject of a lease granted by or under that agreement is to be provided for that person's use.

(2) No enactment or rule of law regulating the rights and obligations of landlords and tenants prejudices the operation of any agreement to which this article applies.

(3) Accordingly, no such enactment or rule of law is to apply in relation to the rights and obligations of the parties to any lease granted by or under any such agreement so as to—

- (a) exclude or in any respect modify any of the rights and obligations of those parties under the terms of the lease, whether with respect to the termination of the tenancy or any other matter;
- (b) confer or impose on any such party any right or obligation arising out of or connected with anything done or omitted on or in relation to land which is the subject of the lease, in addition to any such right or obligation provided for by the terms of the lease; or
- (c) restrict the enforcement (whether by action for damages or otherwise) by any party to the lease of any obligation of any other party under the lease.