

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 10

PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS

PART 2

FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL GRID

Retained apparatus: protection for National Grid Gas Plc

12.—(1) Not less than 56 days before commencing the execution of any works authorised by this Order that are near to, or will or may affect (with reference to the guidance specified at sub-paragraph (11)), any apparatus the removal of which has not been required by the undertaker under paragraph 10(2) or otherwise, the undertaker must submit to National Grid Gas Plc a plan.

(2) In relation to works which will or may be situated on, over, under or within 15 metres measured in any direction of any apparatus, or (wherever situated) impose any load directly upon any apparatus or involve embankment works within 15 metres of any apparatus, the plan to be submitted to National Grid Gas Plc under sub-paragraph (1) must be detailed including a method statement and describing—

- (a) the exact position of the works;
- (b) the level at which these are proposed to be constructed or renewed;
- (c) the manner of their construction or renewal including details of excavation, and the positioning of plant;
- (d) the position of all apparatus; and
- (e) by way of detailed drawings, every alteration proposed to be made to or close to any such apparatus.

(3) The undertaker must not commence the construction or renewal of any works to which sub-paragraph (1) or (2) applies until National Grid Gas Plc has given written approval of the plan so submitted.

(4) Any approval of National Grid Gas Plc required under sub-paragraph (3)—

- (a) may be given subject to reasonable conditions for any purpose mentioned in sub-paragraph (5) or (7); and
- (b) must not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

(5) In relation to a work to which sub-paragraph (1) or (2) applies, National Grid Gas Plc may as part of the written approval referred to in sub-paragraph (3) require such modifications to be made to the plan as may be reasonably necessary for the purpose of securing its system against interference or risk of damage or for the purpose of providing or securing proper and convenient means of access to any apparatus.

(6) Works executed under this Order must be executed only in accordance with the plan, submitted under sub-paragraph (1) or as relevant sub-paragraph (2), as amended from time to time by

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agreement between the undertaker and National Grid Gas Plc and in accordance with such reasonable requirements as may be made in accordance with sub-paragraph (5) or (7) by National Grid Gas Plc for the alteration or otherwise for the protection of the apparatus, or for securing access to it, and National Grid Gas Plc is entitled to watch and inspect the execution of those works.

(7) Where National Grid Gas Plc requires any protective works to be carried out either themselves or by the undertaker (whether of a temporary or permanent nature) such protective works must be carried out to National Grid Gas Plc's satisfaction prior to the carrying out of any works authorised by the Order (or any relevant part of it) and National Grid Gas Plc must give notice of such works within 56 days from the date of submission of a plan in line with sub-paragraph (1) or (2) (except in an emergency).

(8) If National Grid Gas Plc in accordance with sub-paragraph (5) or (7) and in consequence of the works proposed by the undertaker, reasonably requires the removal of any apparatus and gives written notice to the undertaker of that requirement, paragraphs 4 to 6 and 9 to 11 apply as if the removal of the apparatus had been required by the undertaker under paragraph 10(2).

(9) Nothing in this paragraph precludes the undertaker from submitting at any time or from time to time, but in no case less than 56 days before commencing the execution of any works, a new plan, instead of the plan previously submitted, and having done so the provisions of this paragraph apply to and in respect of the new plan.

(10) The undertaker is not required to comply with sub-paragraph (1) where it needs to carry out emergency works as defined in the 1991 Act but in that case it must give to National Grid Gas Plc notice as soon as is reasonably practicable and a plan of those works and must—

- (a) comply with sub-paragraph (5), (6) and (7) in so far as is reasonably practicable in the circumstances; and
- (b) comply with sub-paragraph (11) at all times.

(11) At all times when carrying out any works authorised by this Order the undertaker must comply with National Grid's policies for safe working in proximity to gas apparatus "Specification for safe working in the vicinity of National Grid, High pressure Gas pipelines and associated installation requirements for third parties T/SP/SSW22" and HSE's "HS(~G)47 Avoiding Danger from underground services".