



Electricity Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 29

PART I

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Introductory

[^{F1}3C Health and safety.

- (1) The Secretary of State and the Authority shall consult [^{F2}—
 - (a) the Health and Safety Executive about all electricity safety issues, and
 - (b) the Office for Nuclear Regulation about all electricity safety issues relating to nuclear sites (within the meaning of Part 3 of the Energy Act 2013),which may be relevant to the carrying out of their respective functions under this Part.]
- (2) The Secretary of State may require the Authority also to consult him about electricity safety issues of particular descriptions.
- (3) The Secretary of State and the Authority shall, in carrying out their respective functions under this Part, take into account any advice given by [^{F3}the Health and Safety Executive ||^{F4}or the Office for Nuclear Regulation] about any electricity safety issue (whether or not in response to consultation under subsection (1)).
- (4) The Authority shall, in carrying out its functions under this Part, take into account any advice given by the Secretary of State about any electricity safety issue (whether or not in response to consultation under subsection (2)).
- (5) For the purposes of this section an electricity safety issue is anything concerning the generation, transmission, distribution or supply of electricity which may affect the health and safety of—
 - (a) members of the public; or
 - (b) persons employed in connection with any of those activities.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 3C inserted (20.12.2000) by 2000 c. 27, s. 15; S.I. 2000/3343, art. 2, **Sch.** (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-15) (as amended by S.I. 2001/1780, **art. 2**)
- F2** Words in s. 3C(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Energy Act 2013 (c. 32), s. 156(1), **Sch. 12 para. 61(2)**; S.I. 2014/251, art. 4
- F3** Words in s. 3C(1)(3) substituted (1.4.2008) by The Legislative Reform (Health and Safety Executive) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/960), art. 1, **Sch. 3** (with art. 21, Sch. 2)
- F4** Words in s. 3C(3) inserted (1.4.2014) by Energy Act 2013 (c. 32), s. 156(1), **Sch. 12 para. 61(3)**; S.I. 2014/251, art. 4

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 3A-3D applied (24.8.2004 for specified purposes, 5.10.2004 in so far as not already in force) by Energy Act 2004 (c. 20), **ss. 190(2)**, 198(2); S.I. 2004/2184, art. 2(1), Sch. 1; S.I. 2004/2575, art. 2(1), Sch. 1
- C2** Ss. 3A-3D applied (21.8.2006) by Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 (c. 19), **ss. 8(6)**, 28(1)
- C3** Ss. 3A-3D applied (26.11.2008) by Energy Act 2008 (c. 32), **ss. 102(4)**, 110(2)
- C4** Ss. 3A-3D applied (8.4.2010) by Energy Act 2010 (c. 27), **ss. 30(2)**, 38(1)
- C5** Ss. 3A-3D applied (18.12.2011) by Energy Act 2011 (c. 16), **ss. 78(2)**, 121(3)
- C6** Ss. 3A-3D applied (18.12.2011) by Energy Act 2011 (c. 16), **ss. 98(14)**, 121(3)
- C7** Ss. 3A-3D applied (21.3.2012) by Energy Act 2011 (c. 16), **ss. 22(10)**, 121(1); S.I. 2012/873, art. 2(a)(v)
- C8** Ss. 3A-3D applied (18.12.2013) by Energy Act 2013 (c. 32), **ss. 39**, 156(3)
- C9** Ss. 3A-3D applied (18.2.2014) by Energy Act 2013 (c. 32), **ss. 141(2)**, 156(2)
- C10** Ss. 3A-3D applied (18.2.2014) by Energy Act 2013 (c. 32), **ss. 53**, 156(2)
- C11** Ss. 3A-3D applied (18.2.2014) by Energy Act 2013 (c. 32), ss. 136(2), 156(2)
- C12** Ss. 3A-3D applied (23.7.2018) by Smart Meters Act 2018 (c. 14), **ss. 6(13)**, 14(5)
- C13** Ss. 3A-3D applied (26.10.2023 for specified purposes, 31.1.2024 in so far as not already in force) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), **ss. 178(2)**, 334(1)(2)(h); S.I. 2024/32, reg. 3(a)(viii)
- C14** Ss. 3A-3D applied (11.1.2024) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), **ss. 248(4)(5)**, 334(1); S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2(b)(iii)
- C15** Ss. 3A-3D applied (31.1.2024) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), **ss. 178(1)**, 334(1); S.I. 2024/32, reg. 3(a)(viii)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 3A-3D applied by [2018 c. 14 s. 12\(8\)](#)
- s. 3A-3D applied by [2023 c. 52 s. 196](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

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

- s. 4(1)(f) and word inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 4(1)(ca) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 166\(2\)](#)
- s. 4(1)(da) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 205\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 4(3H)(3I) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(4\)](#)
- s. 4(3CA) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 205\(3\)](#)
- s. 4(3EA) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 205\(5\)](#)
- s. 6(1)(g) and word inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 6(1)(ea) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 205\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 6(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(8\)](#)
- s. 6(2AA) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 205\(9\)](#)
- s. 6(6E) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 205\(10\)](#)
- s. 7(3GA) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(17\)](#)
- s. 7A(11B) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 186\(18\)](#)
- s. 8A(1C) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 206\(6\)](#)
- s. 10NA inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 207\(2\)](#)
- s. 11E(2)(d) and word inserted by [2013 c. 32 s. 138\(5\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- s. 11AA inserted by [2018 c. 14 s. 13\(3\)](#)
- s. 15(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. 3(2)(b) (as substituted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 19](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 25(8A) inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 14 para. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 44A inserted by [1992 c. 43 s. 23](#)
- s. 44A(6)(b)(i) words substituted by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 9 para. 52](#)
- s. 44B(1)(a)(iiia) inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 17 para. 8](#)
- s. 56C(6)(d) and word inserted by [2013 c. 32 s. 138\(5\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 5A para. 2(1A) inserted by [2018 c. 14 s. 13\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 6A para. 9ZA and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 14 para. 8](#)