



# Petroleum Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 17

### PART III

#### SUBMARINE PIPELINES

#### 27 Meaning of “owner”

- (1) For the purposes of this Part of this Act “owner” in relation to a pipeline, and “proposed owner” in relation to a proposed pipeline, mean the person for the time being designated as the owner of the pipeline, or as the case may be as the proposed owner of the proposed pipeline, by an order made by the Secretary of State.
- (2) An order designating a person as the proposed owner of a proposed pipeline may also provide for him to be designated as the owner of the pipeline in question at a time determined by or under the order.
- (3) Before designating a person under subsection (1) or (2), the Secretary of State shall give the person an opportunity of being heard with respect to the matter.
- (4) Where a person for the time being designated under subsection (1) or (2) requests the Secretary of State in writing to cancel the designation, the Secretary of State shall—
  - (a) consider the request; and
  - (b) if he considers it appropriate to do so, give the person an opportunity of being heard in connection with the request.