



Utilities Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 27

PART I

NEW REGULATORY ARRANGEMENTS

8 Payments by licence holders relating to new arrangements

- (1) In this section “payment conditions” means—
 - (a) in relation to a gas licence, conditions included in the licence by virtue of section 7B(4)(c) of the 1986 Act; or
 - (b) in relation to an electricity licence, conditions included in the licence by virtue of section 7(1)(b) of the 1989 Act.
- (2) The payment conditions of a gas licence or an electricity licence may (without prejudice to the generality of the provisions mentioned in subsection (1)) require the payment by the licence holder of sums relating to any of the expenses mentioned in subsection (3).
- (3) Those expenses are—
 - (a) the expenses of the Council; and
 - (b) the expenses of the Secretary of State in relation to the establishment of the Authority and the Council.
- (4) The Authority may, in accordance with this section, modify any payment conditions of a gas licence or an electricity licence where the Authority considers it necessary or expedient to do so in consequence of, or of preparations for—
 - (a) the establishment of the Authority or the Council; or
 - (b) the abolition of any office or body mentioned in section 1(3) or 2(3).
- (5) Where the Authority modifies any payment conditions of a licence under subsection (4) it may make such incidental or consequential modifications as it considers necessary or expedient of the other conditions of the licence.
- (6) Before modifying the conditions of a licence under subsection (4) or (5) the Authority shall consult the licence holder.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (7) Any consultation undertaken by the Director General of Gas Supply, the Director General of Electricity Supply or the Secretary of State before the commencement of subsection (6) shall be as effective for the purposes of that subsection as if undertaken by the Authority after that time.
- (8) The powers of the Authority under subsections (4) and (5) may not be exercised after the end of the period of two years beginning with the commencement of this section.
- (9) The Secretary of State may give directions to the Authority for the purpose of securing that sums relating to any of the expenses mentioned in subsection (3) are included in the sums payable by virtue of payment conditions in gas licences and electricity licences; and the Authority shall comply with any such direction.