



Energy Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 20

PART 3

ENERGY REGULATION

CHAPTER 4

FURTHER PROVISIONS ABOUT REGULATION

Meaning of electricity supply and high voltage lines

179 Meaning of electricity supply

(1) For the definition of “supply” in section 4(4) of the 1989 Act, substitute—

““supply”, in relation to electricity, means its supply to premises in cases where—

- (a) it is conveyed to the premises wholly or partly by means of a distribution system, or
- (b) (without being so conveyed) it is supplied to the premises from a substation to which it has been conveyed by means of a transmission system,

but does not include its supply to premises occupied by a licence holder for the purpose of carrying on activities which he is authorised by his licence to carry on;”.

(2) In each of the provisions specified in subsection (3) (which all refer to electricity conveyed by distribution systems), after “distribution systems” insert “or transmission systems”.

(3) Those provisions are—

- (a) section 3A(1), (5)(a) and (7) of the 1989 Act (principal objectives and general duties applying to electricity regulation);

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- F1(b)
- (c) section 48(1) of that Act (publication of information and advice);
- (d) section 4AA(4)(a) of the Gas Act 1986 (principal objectives and general duties applying to gas regulation); and
- F2(e)

- (4) An order under section 198 for bringing into force provisions of this section may contain any such transitional provision in connection with bringing those provisions into force as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate.
- (5) The transitional provision that may be included in an order under subsection (4) includes provision which has effect by reference to determinations made in accordance with that provision by a person specified in the order.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 179(3)(b) repealed (1.10.2008) by [Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 \(c. 17\), s. 66\(2\), Sch. 8; S.I. 2008/2550, art. 2, Sch.](#)

F2 S. 179(3)(e) repealed (1.10.2008) by [Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 \(c. 17\), s. 66\(2\), Sch. 8; S.I. 2008/2550, art. 2, Sch.](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Ss. 171-196 power to apply (with modifications) conferred (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\), s. 334\(2\)\(l\), Sch. 18 para. 50](#)

Commencement Information

I1 S. 179 in force at 1.4.2006 for specified purposes and 1.4.2010 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2965, art. 3](#)

180 Meaning of “high voltage line”

- (1) In subsection (1) of section 64 of the 1989 Act (interpretation of Part 1), for the definitions of “high voltage line” and “low voltage line” substitute—
 - ““high voltage line” means an electric line which—
 - (a) if it is in Scotland or is a relevant offshore line (as defined in subsection (1A)), is of a nominal voltage of 132 kilovolts or more; and
 - (b) in any other case, is of a nominal voltage of more than 132 kilovolts,
 and “low voltage line” shall be construed accordingly;”.

F3(2)

Textual Amendments

F3 S. 180(2) repealed (10.6.2014) by [Energy Act 2008 \(c. 32\), s. 110\(2\), Sch. 6; S.I. 2014/1461, art. 2\(b\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Ss. 171-196 power to apply (with modifications) conferred (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\), s. 334\(2\)\(l\), Sch. 18 para. 50](#)

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Commencement Information

- I2** S. 180(1) in force at 29.7.2010 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2010/1889](#), **art. 2**
- I3** S. 180(1) in force at 10.6.2014 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2014/1460](#), **art. 2**

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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. 137(3)(c)-(e) inserted by [2011 c. 16 s. 117\(b\)](#)
- s. 173(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 14 para. 10](#)
- Sch. 22 para. 4(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 14 para. 11\(2\)\(b\)](#)