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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Electronic Communications Code  
(Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003**

**Lines**

- 4.—(1) A code operator shall install all lines underground unless—
- (a) the line is flown from a pole in an area where service lines are already flown from poles;
  - (b) the line is—
    - (i) affixed to and lying on the exterior surface of a building or other permanent structure and is either used as a service line or terminates at a service line distribution point;
    - (ii) a service line flown from the eaves of one building or other permanent structure to those of another where the distance between them is less than 8 metres; or
    - (iii) a feeder cable connecting equipment for the provision of services by wireless telegraphy;and is neither affixed to a building shown as grade 1 or category A in the statutory list of buildings nor located in a conservation area;
  - (c) the line is attached to or supported by poles or pylons which are used in connection with the transport of electricity at a nominal voltage of at least 6000 volts;
  - (d) the line is installed for the purpose of providing a temporary electronic communications network under regulation 15; or
  - (e) it is not in all the circumstances reasonably practicable to do so.
- (2) A code operator shall ensure that any lines installed over the carriageway of—
- (a) a maintainable highway or, in Scotland, a public road are placed at least 5.5 metres above the surface of the highway or road; and
  - (b) a maintainable highway or, in Scotland, a public road which is a high load grid route are placed at least 6.5 metres above the surface of the highway or road.
- (3) If requested by any person to relocate a line which is already installed above the ground, a code operator must relocate that line unless—
- (a) he determines either that the request is unreasonable or that the person making the request will not pay the costs of the relocation; and
  - (b) he notifies that person of that determination within 56 days of the receipt of the request.