



# Energy Act 2023

## 2023 CHAPTER 52

### PART 8

#### HEAT NETWORKS

#### CHAPTER 1

##### REGULATION OF HEAT NETWORKS

#### **218 Alternative dispute resolution for consumer disputes**

- (1) The Department may by regulations amend the Alternative Dispute Resolution for Consumer Disputes (Competent Authorities and Information) Regulations 2015 ([S.I. 2015/542](#)) so as to provide for a person who, or a body which, from time to time carries out to any extent in relation to Northern Ireland the functions conferred on the Regulator by this Chapter to be a competent authority for the purposes of those regulations.
- (2) The power of the Department to make regulations under this section is exercisable by statutory rule for the purposes of the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 ([S.I. 1979/1573 \(N.I. 12\)](#)).
- (3) Regulations made by the Department under this section may not be made unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before and approved by a resolution of the Northern Ireland Assembly.