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PART VIII

UNDERTAKERS' POWERS AND WORKS

Chapter ii

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Protection of meters

Financial obligations with respect to any interference with a meter

- **239.**—(1) A relevant undertaker which carries out any works made necessary by the commission of an offence under Article 237 shall be entitled to recover any expenses reasonably incurred in carrying out those works from the person who committed the offence.
- (2) Any person who sustains any loss or damage in consequence of any failure by any relevant undertaker—
 - (a) to comply with any obligation imposed on it by Article 238; or
 - (b) to exercise reasonable care in the performance of the duty imposed by paragraph (3)(a) of that Article,

shall be entitled to recover compensation from the undertaker.

- (3) Any dispute between a relevant undertaker and any other person (including another such undertaker)—
 - (a) as to whether the undertaker or that other person should bear any expenses under this Article;
 - (b) as to whether the undertaker should pay any compensation under this Article; or
 - (c) as to the amount of any expenses to be borne by any person under this Article or as to the amount of any such compensation,

shall be referred to the arbitration of a single arbitrator appointed by agreement between the undertaker and that person or, in default of agreement, by the Authority.