

Telecommunications Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 12

PART VII

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

Miscellaneous

93 Grants to promote interests of disabled persons.

- [F1(1) The Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, make grants for the purpose of defraying or contributing towards—
 - (a) any expenses which may be incurred by any person in supporting research into or the development of apparatus to which this section applies; or
 - (b) any fees incurred by any person in respect of the exercise in relation to apparatus to which this section applies of any function conferred by or under section 22 above.
 - (2) This section applies to—
 - (a) telecommunication apparatus which is constructed for use by disabled persons;
 - (b) telecommunication apparatus which is so constructed as to be capable of being adapted for such use; and
 - (c) apparatus by means of which telecommunication apparatus falling within paragraph (b) above may be so adapted.
 - (3) In making a grant under this section, the Secretary of State may impose such conditions as he thinks fit and may, in particular, impose a condition requiring the repayment of all or any part of the grant—
 - (a) if any other condition is not complied with; or
 - (b) in such other circumstances as he may specify.
 - (4) There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament any sums required by the Secretary of State for making grants under this section.

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(5) Any sums received by the Secretary of State under subsection (3) above shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 93 repealed (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 otherwise) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 398(4)(a), 406, 408, 411, Sch. 19(1) (with Sch. 18, Sch. 19(1) Note 1); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), 2(1), 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with art. 11)

94 Directions in the interests of national security etc.

- (1) The Secretary of State may, after consultation with a person to whom this section applies, give to that person such directions of a general character as appear to the Secretary of State to be [F2necessary] in the interests of national security or relations with the government of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom.
- (2) If it appears to the Secretary of State to be [F3necessary] to do so in the interests of national security or relations with the government of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom, he may, after consultation with a person to whom this section applies, give to that person a direction requiring him (according to the circumstances of the case) to do, or not to do, a particular thing specified in the direction.
- [F4(2A) The Secretary of State shall not give a direction under subsection (1) or (2) unless he believes that the conduct required by the direction is proportionate to what is sought to be achieved by that conduct.]
 - (3) A person to whom this section applies shall give effect to any direction given to him by the Secretary of State under this section notwithstanding any other duty imposed on him by or under [F5Part 1 or Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Communications Act 2003 and, in the case of a direction to a provider of a public electronic communications network, notwithstanding that it relates to him in a capacity other than as the provider of such a network].
 - (4) The Secretary of State shall lay before each House of Parliament a copy of every direction given under this section unless he is of opinion that disclosure of the direction is against the interests of national security or relations with the government of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom, or the commercial interests of any person.
 - (5) A person shall not disclose, or be required by virtue of any enactment or otherwise to disclose, anything done by virtue of this section if the Secretary of State has notified him that the Secretary of State is of the opinion that disclosure of that thing is against the interests of national security or relations with the government of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom, or the commercial interests of some other person.
 - (6) The Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, make grants to [F6 providers of public electronic communications networks] for the purpose of defraying or contributing towards any losses they may sustain by reason of compliance with the directions given under this section.

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- (7) There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament any sums required by the Secretary of State for making grants under this section.
- (8) This section applies to [F7OFCOM and to providers of public electronic communications networks.]

Textual Amendments

- **F2** Words in s. 94(1) substituted (25.7.2003 for specified purposes and 18.9.2003 otherwise) by Communications Act 2003, (c. 21), ss. 406, 408, 411, {Sch. 17 para. 70(2)} (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2**, 3(1), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))
- F3 Words in s. 94(2) substituted (25.7.2003 for specified purposes and 18.9.2003 otherwise) by Communications Act 2003, (c. 21), ss. 406, 408, 411, {Sch. 17 para. 70(3)} (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2**, 3(1), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))
- F4 S. 94(2A) inserted (25.7.2003 for specified purposes and 18.9.2003 otherwise) by Communications Act 2003, (c. 21), ss. 406, 408, 411, {Sch. 17 para. 70(4)} (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), 2, 3(1), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))
- Words in s. 94(3) substituted (25.7.2003 for specified purposes and 18.9.2003 otherwise) by Communications Act 2003, (c. 21), ss. 406, 408, 411, {Sch. 17 para. 70(5)} (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2**, 3(1), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))
- **F6** Words in s. 94(6) substituted (25.7.2003 for specified purposes and 18.9.2003 otherwise) by Communications Act 2003, (c. 21), ss. 406, 408, 411, {Sch. 17 para. 70(6)} (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2**, 3(1), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))
- F7 Words in s. 94(8) substituted (25.7.2003 for specified purposes and 18.9.2003 otherwise) by Communications Act 2003, (c. 21), ss. 406, 408, 411, {Sch. 17 para. 70(7)} (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2**, 3(1), Sch. 1, Sch. 2 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))

95 Orders under the 1973 and 1980 Acts.

- [F8][F9](1) Where the Office of Fair Trading, the Commission or (as the case may be) the Secretary of State (in this section "the relevant authority") makes a relevant order, the order may also provide for the revocation or modification of licences granted under section 7 above to such extent as may appear to the relevant authority to be requisite or expedient for the purpose of giving effect to, or taking account of, any provision made by the order.
 - (2) In subsection (1) above, "relevant order" means—
 - (a) an order under section 75, 83 or 84 of, or paragraph 5, 10 or 11 of Schedule 7 to, the Enterprise Act 2002 where—
 - (i) one or more than one of the enterprises which have, or may have, ceased to be distinct enterprises was engaged in the carrying on of a commercial activity connected with telecommunications; or
 - (ii) one or more than one of the enterprises which will or may cease to be distinct enterprises is engaged in the carrying on of a commercial activity connected with telecommunications; or

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- (b) an order under section 160 or 161 of that Act where the feature, or combination of features, of the market in the United Kingdom for goods or services which prevents, restricts or distorts competition relates to commercial activities connected with telecommunications.]
- [F10(3) Expressions used in subsection (2) above and in Part 3 or (as the case may be) Part 4 of the Enterprise Act 2002 have the same meanings in that subsection as in that Part.]]

Textual Amendments

- F8 S. 95 repealed (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 otherwise) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406, 408, 411, Sch. 19(1) (with Sch. 18, Sch. 19(1) Note 1); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), 2(1), 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with art. 11)
- **F9** S. 95(1)(2) substituted (20.6.2003) by 2002 c. 40, ss. 86(5), 164(2), 279, Sch. 9 Pt. 1 para. 1(2); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch.
- **F10** S. 95(3) substituted (20.6.2003) by 2002 c. 40, ss. 86(5), 164(2), 279, Sch. 9 Pt. 1 para. 1(3); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 95(2)(a) amended (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 16, Sch. 4 para. 4

Prohibitions and restrictions applying to lessees with respect to telecommunications.

- [FII(1) Subject to subsection (4) below, where any provision contained in a lease to which this section applies, or in any agreement made with respect to premises to which such a lease relates, has the effect of imposing on the lessee any prohibition or restriction with respect to any of the matters falling within subsection (3) below, that provision shall have effect in relation to things which are done—
 - (a) inside a building, or part of a building, occupied by the lessee under the lease, or
 - (b) for purposes connected with the provision to the lessee by any telecommunications operator of any telecommunication services,
 - as if the prohibition or restriction applied only where the lessor has not given his consent in relation to the matter in question and as if the lessor were required not to withhold that consent unreasonably.
 - (2) Where a provision of a lease or agreement imposes (whether by virtue of this section or otherwise) a requirement on the lessor under a lease not to withhold his consent unreasonably in relation to any matter falling within subsection (3) below, the question whether that consent is unreasonably withheld shall be determined having regard to all the circumstances and to the principle that no person should unreasonably be denied access to a telecommunication system.
 - (3) The matters falling within this subsection are—
 - (a) the running of relevant telecommunication systems;
 - (b) the connection of any telecommunication apparatus to a relevant telecommunication system or of relevant telecommunication systems to each other; and

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- (c) the installation, maintenance, adjustment, repair, alteration or use, for purposes connected with the running of a relevant telecommunication system, of any telecommunication apparatus.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by order provide, in relation to such cases, prohibitions or restrictions as are specified in the order, or are of a description so specified, that subsection (1) above shall not apply.
- (5) This section applies to any lease for a term of a year or more granted on or after the day on which this section comes into force; but the Secretary of State may by order provide that this section shall apply, subject to such transitional provisions as may be contained in the order, to leases granted before that day.
- (6) This section is without prejudice to paragraph 2(3) of the telecommunications code.
- (7) In this section—

"alteration" and "telecommunication apparatus" have the same meanings as in Schedule 2 to this Act;

"lease" includes any leasehold tenancy (whether in the nature of a head lease, sub-lease or under lease) and any agreement to grant such a tenancy, and cognate expressions, and references to the grant of a lease, shall be construed accordingly;

"relevant telecommunications system" means a public telecommunication system or a telecommunication system specified for the purposes of this section in an order made by the Secretary of State, or a telecommunication system which is, or is to be, connected to a public telecommunication system or to a system so specified.]

Textual Amendments

F11 S. 96 repealed (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, otherwise prosp.) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406, 408, 411, Sch. 19(1) (with Sch. 18, Sch. 19(1) Note 1); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), 2(1), 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3)))

97 Contributions by local authorities towards provision of facilities.

- [F12(1)] Where a local authority consider that it would be for the benefit of the whole or any part of their area that—
 - (a) any additional telecommunication facilities should be provided; or
 - (b) any existing telecommunication facilities should continue to be provided,

by a public telecommunications operator, whether within or outside the area to be benefited, the authority may undertake to pay to that operator any loss he may sustain by reason of the provision or continued provision of those facilities.

- (2) In the application of this section to Scotland, nothing in subsection (1) above shall authorise the giving of an undertaking as respects the provision or continued provision of facilities outside the area to be benefited.
- (3) In this section "local authority"—
 - (a) in relation to England ^{F13}..., means a county council, ^{F14}, a district council, a London borough council, the Common Council of the City of London [F15 or], a parish council ^{F16}...;

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- [F17(aa) in relation to Wales, means a county council, a county borough council or a community council;]
 - (b) in relation to Scotland, means a [F18 council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994];
 - (c) in relation to Northern Ireland, means a district council.

Textual Amendments

- **F12** S. 97 repealed (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 otherwise) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 398(4)(b), 406, 408, 411, **Sch. 19(1)** (with Sch. 18, Sch. 19(1) Note 1); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2(1)**, 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3**, Sch. 1 (with art. 11)
- **F13** Words in s. 97(3)(a) repealed (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(6)(8), Sch. 16 para. 72(a), **Sch. 18** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**
- F14 Words repealed by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), ss. 1, 102(2)(3), Sch. 17
- **F15** Word in s. 97(3)(a) inserted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(6), **Sch. 16 para. 72(a)** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**
- **F16** Words in s. 97(3)(a) repealed (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(6)(8), Sch. 16 para. 72(a), **Sch. 18** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**
- F17 S. 97(3)(aa) inserted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(6), Sch. 16 para. 72(b) (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, Sch. 2
- F18 Words in s. 97(3)(b) substituted (S.) (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), Sch. 13 para. 133(2); S.I. 1996/323, art. 4(b)(c)

98 Use of certain conduits for telecommunication purposes. E+W

- (1) The functions of an authority with control of a relevant conduit shall include the power—
 - (a) to carry out, or to authorise another person to carry out, any works in relation to that conduit for or in connection with the installation, maintenance, adjustment, repair or alteration of [F19 electronic communications apparatus];
 - (b) to keep [F19] electronic communications apparatus] installed in that conduit or to authorise any other person to keep [F19] electronic communications apparatus] so installed;
 - (c) to authorise any person to enter that conduit to inspect [F19 electronic communications apparatus] kept installed there;
 - (d) to enter into agreements, on such terms (including terms as to the payments to be made to the authority) as it thinks fit, in connection with the doing of anything authorised by or under this section; and
 - (e) to carry on an ancillary business consisting in the making and carrying out of such agreements.
- (2) Where any enactment or subordinate legislation expressly or impliedly imposes any limitation on the use to which a relevant conduit may be put, that limitation shall not have effect so as to prohibit the doing of anything authorised by or under this section.
- (3) Where the doing by an authority with control of a public sewer of anything authorised by this section would, apart from this subsection, constitute a contravention of any obligation imposed (whether by virtue of any conveyance or agreement or otherwise) on the authority, the doing of that thing shall not constitute such a contravention to the

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extent that it consists in, or in authorising, the carrying out of works or inspections, or keeping of apparatus, wholly inside a public sewer.

- (4) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) above, subsection (1) above is without prejudice to the rights of any person with an interest in land on, under or over which a relevant conduit is situated.
- (5) Without prejudice to subsections (1) to (4) above, the Secretary of State may by order provide for any local Act under or in accordance with which any conduits (whether or not relevant conduits) are kept installed in streets to be amended in such manner as appears to him requisite or expedient for securing—
 - (a) that there is power for those conduits to be used for [F20] the purposes of any electronic communications network or of any electronic communications service];
 - (b) that the terms (including terms as to payment) on which those conduits are used for those purposes are reasonable; and
 - (c) that the use of those conduits for those purposes is not unreasonably inhibited (whether directly or indirectly) by reason of the terms of any consent, licence or agreement which has been given, granted or made in relation to any of those conduits for the purposes of that Act.
- (6) In this section "relevant conduit" means—
 - (a) any conduit which, whether or not it is itself an electric line, is maintained by an electricity authority for the purpose of enclosing, surrounding or supporting such a line, including where such a conduit is connected to any box, chamber or other structure (including a building) maintained by an electricity authority for purposes connected with the conveyance, transmission or distribution of electricity, that box, chamber or structure; or
 - (b) a water main or any other conduit maintained by a water authority for the purpose of conveying water from one place to another; or
 - (c) a public sewer; or
 - (d) a culvert which is a designated watercourse within the meaning of the ^{MI}Drainage (Northern Ireland) Order 1973.
- (7) In this section a reference to the authority with control of a relevant conduit—
 - (a) in relation to a conduit or structure falling within paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (6) above, shall be construed as a reference to the authority by whom the conduit or structure is maintained;
 - (b) in relation to a public sewer, shall be construed, subject to subsection (8) below, as a reference to the [F21 person] in whom the sewer is vested; and
 - (c) in relation to a culvert falling within paragraph (d) of subsection (6) above, shall be construed as a reference to the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

(8) Where—

- (a) the functions of an authority with control of a public sewer are, in pursuance of any enactment, discharged on its behalf by [F22] another person], and
- (b) the [F23 other person] is authorised by the authority with control of the sewer to act on its behalf for the purposes of the matters referred to in subsection (1) above.

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this section shall have effect in relation to that sewer as if any reference to the authority with control of the sewer included, to such extent as may be necessary for the [F23] other person] so to act, a reference to the [F23] other person].

(9) In this section—

"alteration", " street" [F24 and " telecommunication apparatus"] have the same meanings as in Schedule 2 to this Act;

"conduit" includes a tunnel or subway;

"electric line"—

- (a) in Great Britain, has the same meaning as in [F25the Electricity Act 1989]; and
- (b) in Northern Ireland, has the same meaning as in the [F26Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992];

"electricity authority" means [F27a person authorised by a licence under Part I of the Electricity Act 1989 to transmit or supply electricity] or [F28a person authorised by a licence under Part II of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 to transmit or supply electricity];

"public sewer"—

- (a) in England and Wales, has the same meaning as in the M2Public Health Act 1936;
- (b) in Scotland, means any sewer which is vested in a [F29 sewerage authority]; and
- (c) in Northern Ireland, means a sewer as defined in the M3Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1973;

[F304; sewerage authority" shall be construed in accordance with section 62 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994;]

"subordinate legislation" means any subordinate legislation within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978 or any instrument, as defined in section 1 of the M4Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954;

"water authority"—

- (a) [F31 in England and Wales, means the National Rivers Authority or a water undertaker;]
- (b) in Scotland, [F32shall be construed in accordance with section 62 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994]; and
- (c) in Northern Ireland, means the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland;

"water main"—

- (a) [F33in England and Wales, means a water main [F34or resource main within the meaning of the Water Industry Act 1991];]
- (b) in Scotland, means a main within the meaning of the M5Water (Scotland) Act 1980; and
- (c) in Northern Ireland, means a main within the meaning of the ^{M6}Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1973.

Extent Information

E1 This version of this provision extends to England and Wales only; separate versions have been created for Scotland only and Northern Ireland only.

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Textual Amendments

- **F19** Words in s. 98(1) substituted (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 for further specified purposes) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406, 408, 411, **Sch. 17 para. 71(2)** (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2(1)**, 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(2)** (with art. 11)
- **F20** Words in s. 98(5)(a) substituted (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 for further specified purposes) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406, 408, 411, **Sch. 17 para. 71(3)**; S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2(1)**, 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, art. **3(2)** (with art. 11)
- **F21** Word in s. 98(7)(b) substituted (E.W.) by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)-(10), 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 para. 68(1)(a), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), **58**
- **F22** Words in s. 98(8)(a) substituted (E.W.) by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)-(10), 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 paras. 68(1)(b)(i), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), **58**
- **F23** Words in s. 98(8) substituted (E.W.) by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)-(10), 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 paras. 68(1)(b)(i), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), **58**
- **F24** Words in s. 98(9) repealed (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 otherwise) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406, 411, **Sch. 19(1)** (with Sch. 18, Sch. 19(1) Note 1); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2(1)**, 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3**, Sch. 1 (with art. 11)
- **F25** Words in s. 98(9) substituted (E.W.S.) by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), s. 112(1)(3), Sch. 16 para. 29(2)(a), Sch. 17 paras. 33, 35(1)
- **F26** Words in s. 98(9) substituted (N.I.) (1.4.1992) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 95(1), **Sch. 12**, para. 28(a); S.R. 1992/117, **art. 3(1)**
- **F27** Words in s. 98(9) substituted (E.W.S.) by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), s. 112(1)(3), Sch. 16 para. 29(2)(b), Sch. 17 paras. 33, 35(1)
- **F28** Words in s. 98(9) substituted (N.I.) (1.4.1992) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 95(1), **Sch. 12 para. 28(b)**; S.R. 1992/117, **art. 3(1)**
- **F29** Words in para. (b) in definition of "public sewer" in s. 98(9) substituted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13 para. 133(3)(a)**; S.I. 1996/323, **art. 4(b)(c)**
- **F30** Definition of "sewerage authority" in s. 98(9) inserted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13** para. 133(3)(b); S.I. 1996/323, art. 4(b)(c)
- F31 Para. (a) of definition of "water authority" in s. 98(9) substituted (E.W.) by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 para. 68(c)(i), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), 58
- **F32** Words in para. (b) in definition of water authority in s. 98(9) substituted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13 para. 133(3)(c)**; S.I. 1996/323, **art. 4(b)(c)**
- **F33** Para. (a) of definition of "water main" in s. 98(9) substituted (E.W.) by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)-(10), 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 para. 68(c)(ii), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), **58**
- F34 Words in para. (a) in definition of 'water main' in s. 98(9) substituted (E.W.) (1.12.1991) by Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Act 1991 (c. 60, SIF 130), ss. 2(1), 4(2), Sch. 1 para. 38(1)

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- **M6** S.I. 1973/70 (N.I. 2).

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98 Use of certain conduits for telecommunication purposes. N.I.

- (1) The functions of an authority with control of a relevant conduit shall include the power—
 - (a) to carry out, or to authorise another person to carry out, any works in relation to that conduit for or in connection with the installation, maintenance, adjustment, repair or alteration of [F19] electronic communications apparatus];
 - (b) to keep [F19] electronic communications apparatus] installed in that conduit or to authorise any other person to keep [F19] electronic communications apparatus] so installed;
 - (c) to authorise any person to enter that conduit to inspect [F19] electronic communications apparatus] kept installed there;
 - (d) to enter into agreements, on such terms (including terms as to the payments to be made to the authority) as it thinks fit, in connection with the doing of anything authorised by or under this section; and
 - (e) to carry on an ancillary business consisting in the making and carrying out of such agreements.
- (2) Where any enactment or subordinate legislation expressly or impliedly imposes any limitation on the use to which a relevant conduit may be put, that limitation shall not have effect so as to prohibit the doing of anything authorised by or under this section.
- (3) Where the doing by an authority with control of a public sewer of anything authorised by this section would, apart from this subsection, constitute a contravention of any obligation imposed (whether by virtue of any conveyance or agreement or otherwise) on the authority, the doing of that thing shall not constitute such a contravention to the extent that it consists in, or in authorising, the carrying out of works or inspections, or keeping of apparatus, wholly inside a public sewer.
- (4) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) above, subsection (1) above is without prejudice to the rights of any person with an interest in land on, under or over which a relevant conduit is situated.
- (5) Without prejudice to subsections (1) to (4) above, the Secretary of State may by order provide for any local Act under or in accordance with which any conduits (whether or not relevant conduits) are kept installed in streets to be amended in such manner as appears to him requisite or expedient for securing—
 - (a) that there is power for those conduits to be used for [F20] the purposes of any electronic communications network or of any electronic communications servicel:
 - (b) that the terms (including terms as to payment) on which those conduits are used for those purposes are reasonable; and
 - (c) that the use of those conduits for those purposes is not unreasonably inhibited (whether directly or indirectly) by reason of the terms of any consent, licence or agreement which has been given, granted or made in relation to any of those conduits for the purposes of that Act.
- (6) In this section "relevant conduit" means—
 - (a) any conduit which, whether or not it is itself an electric line, is maintained by an electricity authority for the purpose of enclosing, surrounding or supporting such a line, including where such a conduit is connected to any box, chamber or other structure (including a building) maintained by an electricity authority

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for purposes connected with the conveyance, transmission or distribution of electricity, that box, chamber or structure; or

- (b) a water main or any other conduit maintained by a water authority for the purpose of conveying water from one place to another; or
- (c) a public sewer; or
- (d) a culvert which is a designated watercourse within the meaning of the M7Drainage (Northern Ireland) Order 1973.
- (7) In this section a reference to the authority with control of a relevant conduit—
 - (a) in relation to a conduit or structure falling within paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (6) above, shall be construed as a reference to the authority by whom the conduit or structure is maintained;
 - (b) in relation to a public sewer, shall be construed, subject to subsection (8) below, as a reference to the authority in whom the sewer is vested; and
 - (c) in relation to a culvert falling within paragraph (d) of subsection (6) above, shall be construed as a reference to the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

(8) Where—

- (a) the functions of an authority with control of a public sewer are, in pursuance of any enactment, discharged on its behalf by another authority, and
- (b) the other authority is authorised by the authority with control of the sewer to act on its behalf for the purposes of the matters referred to in subsection (1) above.

this section shall have effect in relation to that sewer as if any reference to the authority with control of the sewer included, to such extent as may be necessary for the other authority so to act, a reference to the other authority.

(9) In this section—

"alteration", " street"[F24and " telecommunication apparatus"] have the same meanings as in Schedule 2 to this Act;

"conduit" includes a tunnel or subway;

"electric line"—

- (a) in Great Britain, has the same meaning as in [F38the Electricity Act 1989];
- (b) in Northern Ireland, has the same meaning as in the [F39Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992];

"electricity authority" means [F40] a person authorised by a licence under Part I of the Electricity Act 1989 to transmit or supply electricity] or [F41] a person authorised by a licence under Part II of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 to transmit or supply electricity];

"public sewer"—

- (a) in England and Wales, has the same meaning as in the M8Public Health Act 1936;
- (b) in Scotland, means any sewer which is vested in a [F29 sewerage authority]; and
- (c) in Northern Ireland, means a sewer as defined in the ^{M9}Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1973;

[F304'sewerage authority" shall be construed in accordance with section 62 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994;]

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"subordinate legislation" means any subordinate legislation within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978 or any instrument, as defined in section 1 of the M10 Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954;

"water authority"—

- (a) [F42in England and Wales, means the National Rivers Authority or a water undertaker;]
- (b) in Scotland, [F32 shall be construed in accordance with section 62 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994]; and
- (c) in Northern Ireland, means the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland;

"water main"—

- (a) [F33in England and Wales, means a water main [F34or resource main within the meaning of the Water Industry Act 1991];]
- (b) in Scotland, means a main within the meaning of the MII Water (Scotland) Act 1980; and
- (c) in Northern Ireland, means a main within the meaning of the M12Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1973.

Extent Information

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Textual Amendments

- F19 Words in s. 98(1) substituted (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 for further specified purposes) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406, 408, 411, Sch. 17 para. 71(2) (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), 2(1), 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(2) (with art. 11)
- **F20** Words in s. 98(5)(a) substituted (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 for further specified purposes) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406, 408, 411, **Sch. 17 para. 71(3)**; S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2(1)**, 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, art. **3(2)** (with art. 11)
- **F24** Words in s. 98(9) repealed (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 otherwise) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406, 411, **Sch. 19(1)** (with Sch. 18, Sch. 19(1) Note 1); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2(1)**, 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3**, Sch. 1 (with art. 11)
- **F29** Words in para. (b) in definition of "public sewer" in s. 98(9) substituted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13 para. 133(3)(a)**; S.I. 1996/323, **art. 4(b)(c)**
- **F30** Definition of "sewerage authority" in s. 98(9) inserted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13** para. 133(3)(b); S.I. 1996/323, art. 4(b)(c)
- **F32** Words in para. (b) in definition of water authority in s. 98(9) substituted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), Sch. 13 para. 133(3)(c); S.I. 1996/323, art. 4(b)(c)
- **F33** Para. (a) of definition of "water main" in s. 98(9) substituted (E.W.) by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)-(10), 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 para. 68(c)(ii), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), **58**
- F34 Words in para. (a) in definition of 'water main' in s. 98(9) substituted (E.W.) (1.12.1991) by Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Act 1991 (c. 60, SIF 130), ss. 2(1), 4(2), Sch. 1 para. 38(1)
- **F38** Words in s. 98(9) substituted (E.W.S.) by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), s. 112(1)(3), Sch. 16 para. 29(2)(a), Sch. 17 paras. 33, **35(1)**
- **F39** Words in s. 98(9) substituted (N.I.) (1.4.1992) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 95(1), **Sch. 12 para. 28(a)**; S.R. 1992/117, **art. 3(1)**

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Words in s. 98(9) substituted (E.W.S.) by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), s. 112(1)(3), Sch. 16
        para. 29(2)(b), Sch. 17 paras. 33, 35(1)
       Words in s. 98(9) substituted (N.I.) (1.4.1992) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 95(1), Sch. 12 para.
        28(b); S.R. 1992/117, art. 3(1)
 F42 Para. (a) of definition of "water authority" in s. 98(9) substituted (E.W.) by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF
        130), ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 para. 68(c)(i),
        Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), 58
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 M11 1980 c. 45.
 M12 S.I. 1973/70 (N.I. 2).
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- (1) The functions of an authority with control of a relevant conduit shall include the power—
 - (a) to carry out, or to authorise another person to carry out, any works in relation to that conduit for or in connection with the installation, maintenance, adjustment, repair or alteration of [F19 electronic communications apparatus];
 - (b) to keep [F19] electronic communications apparatus] installed in that conduit or to authorise any other person to keep [F19] electronic communications apparatus] so installed;
 - (c) to authorise any person to enter that conduit to inspect [F19] electronic communications apparatus] kept installed there;
 - (d) to enter into agreements, on such terms (including terms as to the payments to be made to the authority) as it thinks fit, in connection with the doing of anything authorised by or under this section; and
 - (e) to carry on an ancillary business consisting in the making and carrying out of such agreements.
- (2) Where any enactment or subordinate legislation expressly or impliedly imposes any limitation on the use to which a relevant conduit may be put, that limitation shall not have effect so as to prohibit the doing of anything authorised by or under this section.
- (3) Where the doing by an authority with control of a public sewer of anything authorised by this section would, apart from this subsection, constitute a contravention of any obligation imposed (whether by virtue of any conveyance or agreement or otherwise) on the authority, the doing of that thing shall not constitute such a contravention to the extent that it consists in, or in authorising, the carrying out of works or inspections, or keeping of apparatus, wholly inside a public sewer.
- (4) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) above, subsection (1) above is without prejudice to the rights of any person with an interest in land on, under or over which a relevant conduit is situated.
- (5) Without prejudice to subsections (1) to (4) above, the Secretary of State may by order provide for any local Act under or in accordance with which any conduits (whether or not relevant conduits) are kept installed in [F43 roads] to be amended in such manner as appears to him requisite or expedient for securing—

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- (a) that there is power for those conduits to be used for [F20 the purposes of any electronic communications network or of any electronic communications service];
- (b) that the terms (including terms as to payment) on which those conduits are used for those purposes are reasonable; and
- (c) that the use of those conduits for those purposes is not unreasonably inhibited (whether directly or indirectly) by reason of the terms of any consent, licence or agreement which has been given, granted or made in relation to any of those conduits for the purposes of that Act.

(6) In this section "relevant conduit" means—

- (a) any conduit which, whether or not it is itself an electric line, is maintained by an electricity authority for the purpose of enclosing, surrounding or supporting such a line, including where such a conduit is connected to any box, chamber or other structure (including a building) maintained by an electricity authority for purposes connected with the conveyance, transmission or distribution of electricity, that box, chamber or structure; or
- (b) a water main or any other conduit maintained by a water authority for the purpose of conveying water from one place to another; or
- (c) a public sewer; or
- (d) a culvert which is a designated watercourse within the meaning of the M13Drainage (Northern Ireland) Order 1973.

(7) In this section a reference to the authority with control of a relevant conduit—

- (a) in relation to a conduit or structure falling within paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (6) above, shall be construed as a reference to the authority by whom the conduit or structure is maintained;
- (b) in relation to a public sewer, shall be construed, subject to subsection (8) below, as a reference to the person in whom the sewer is vested; and
- (c) in relation to a culvert falling within paragraph (d) of subsection (6) above, shall be construed as a reference to the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

(8) Where—

- (a) the functions of an authority with control of a public sewer are, in pursuance of any enactment, discharged on its behalf by another authority, and
- (b) the other authority is authorised by the authority with control of the sewer to act on its behalf for the purposes of the matters referred to in subsection (1) above.

this section shall have effect in relation to that sewer as if any reference to the authority with control of the sewer included, to such extent as may be necessary for the other authority so to act, a reference to the other authority.

(9) In this section—

"alteration", " $[^{F44}$ road]" $[^{F24}$ and " telecommunication apparatus"] have the same meanings as in Schedule 2 to this Act;

"conduit" includes a tunnel or subway;

"electric line"—

(a) in Great Britain, has the same meaning as in [F45the Electricity Act 1989]; and

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(b) in Northern Ireland, has the same meaning as in the [F46Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992];

"electricity authority" means [F47a person authorised by a licence under Part I of the Electricity Act 1989 to transmit or supply electricity] or [F48a person authorised by a licence under Part II of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 to transmit or supply electricity];

"public sewer"—

- (a) in England and Wales, has the same meaning as in the M14Public Health Act 1936;
- (b) in Scotland, means any sewer which is vested in a [F29 sewerage authority]; and
- (c) in Northern Ireland, means a sewer as defined in the MI5Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1973;

[F30assewerage authority" shall be construed in accordance with section 62 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994;]

"subordinate legislation" means any subordinate legislation within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978 or any instrument, as defined in section 1 of the M16 Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954;

"water authority"—

- (a) [F49in England and Wales, means the National Rivers Authority or a water undertaker;]
- (b) in Scotland, [F32 shall be construed in accordance with section 62 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994]; and
- (c) in Northern Ireland, means the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland;

"water main"—

- (a) [F33 in England and Wales, means a water main [F34 or resource main within the meaning of the Water Industry Act 1991];]
- (b) in Scotland, means a main within the meaning of the M17Water (Scotland) Act 1980; and
- (c) in Northern Ireland, means a main within the meaning of the M18Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1973.

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- **F20** Words in s. 98(5)(a) substituted (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 for further specified purposes) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406, 408, 411, **Sch. 17 para. 71(3)**; S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2(1)**, 3(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 3(2) (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(2)** (with art. 11)
- **F24** Words in s. 98(9) repealed (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 otherwise) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406, 411, **Sch. 19(1)** (with Sch. 18, Sch. 19(1) Note 1); S.I.

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        1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with art. 11)
 F29
       Words in para. (b) in definition of "public sewer" in s. 98(9) substituted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s.
        180(1), Sch. 13 para. 133(3)(a); S.I. 1996/323, art. 4(b)(c)
       Definition of "sewerage authority" in s. 98(9) inserted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), Sch. 13
        para. 133(3)(b); S.I. 1996/323, art. 4(b)(c)
 F32
       Words in para. (b) in definition of water authority in s. 98(9) substituted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s.
        180(1), Sch. 13 para. 133(3)(c); S.I. 1996/323, art. 4(b)(c)
 F33
      Para. (a) of definition of "water main" in s. 98(9) substituted (E.W.) by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF
        130), ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)-(10), 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 para. 68(c)(ii),
        Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), 58
       Words in para. (a) in definition of 'water main' in s. 98(9) substituted (E.W.) (1.12.1991) by Water
        Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Act 1991 (c. 60, SIF 130), ss. 2(1), 4(2), Sch. 1 para. 38(1)
 F43
       Word in s. 98(5) substituted (S.) by Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54, SIF 108), Sch. 9 para. 92(3)(a)
       Word in s. 98(9) substituted (S.) by Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54, SIF 108), Sch. 9 para, 92(3)(b)
       Words in s. 98(9) substituted (E.W.S.) by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), s. 112(1)(3), Sch. 16
        para. 29(2)(a), Sch. 17 paras. 33, 35(1)
 F46
       Words in s. 98 substituted (N.I.) (1.4.1992) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 95(1), Sch. 12, para. 28 (a);
        S.R. 1992/117, art. 3(1)
 F47 Words in s. 98(9) substituted (E.W.S.) by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), s. 112(1)(3), Sch. 16
        para. 29(2)(b), Sch. 17 paras. 33, 35(1)
       Words in s. 98(9) substituted (N.I.) (1.4.1992) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 95(1), Sch. 12 para.
        28(b); S.R. 1992/117, art. 3(1)
 F49 Para. (a) of definition of "water authority" in s. 98(9) substituted (E.W.) by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF
        130), ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 para. 68(c)(i),
        Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), 58
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 M18 S.I. 1973/70 (N.I. 2).
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F37 S. 100 repealed (6.9.1994) by Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12, SIF 96), ss. 109, 110(4), Sch. 7 Pt. III; S.I. 1994/2162, art. 2

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