



# Electricity Act 1989

## 1989 CHAPTER 29

### PART I

#### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

*Licensing of supply etc.*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>6 Licences authorising supply, etc.

- (1) The Authority may grant any of the following licences—
  - (a) a licence authorising a person to generate electricity for the purpose of giving a supply to any premises or enabling a supply to be so given (“a generation licence”);
  - (b) a licence authorising a person to transmit electricity for that purpose in that person’s authorised area (“a transmission licence”);
  - (c) a licence authorising a person to distribute electricity for that purpose (“a distribution licence”); or
  - (d) a licence authorising a person to supply electricity to premises (“a supply licence”).
- (2) The same person may not be the holder of both a distribution licence and a supply licence.
- (3) A supply licence may authorise the holder to supply electricity—
  - (a) to any premises;
  - (b) only to premises specified in the licence, or to premises of a description so specified; or
  - (c) only to any premises situated in a specified area, or to premises of a specified description which are so situated.
- (4) The Authority may, with the consent of the holder of a supply licence, modify terms included in the licence in pursuance of subsection (3) so as to extend or restrict the premises to which the licence holder may give a supply of electricity.

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- (5) A distribution licence may authorise the holder to distribute electricity in any area, or only in an area specified in the licence.
- (6) The Authority may, with the consent of the holder of a distribution licence, modify terms included in the licence in pursuance of subsection (5) so as to extend or restrict the area within which the licence holder may distribute electricity.
- (7) A licence and any extension or restriction of a licence under subsection (4) or (6) shall be in writing.
- (8) A licence shall, unless previously revoked in accordance with any term of the licence, continue in force for such period as may be specified in or determined by or under the licence.
- (9) In this Part—

“authorised area”, in relation to the holder of a transmission licence, means so much of the area designated as such in the licence as is not for the time being designated in a subsequent transmission licence;

“electricity distributor” means any person who is authorised by a distribution licence to distribute electricity except where he is acting otherwise than for purposes connected with the carrying on of activities authorised by the licence;

“electricity supplier” means any person who is authorised by a supply licence to supply electricity except where he is acting otherwise than for purposes connected with the carrying on of activities authorised by the licence.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Ss. 6, 6A, 6B substituted for s. 6 (16.5.2001 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.10.2001) by 2000 c. 27, s. 30; S.I. 2001/1781, art. 2, Sch. (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-10); S.I. 2001/3266, art. 2, Sch. (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-20)

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 6 applied (1.10.2001) by S.I. 2001/3266, art. 3(3)
- C2** S. 6(1) modified (16.5.2001) by 2000 c. 27, s. 33(1); S.I. 2001/1781, art. 2, Sch. (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-10)

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