



# Utilities Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 27

### PART VI

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

##### *Supplementary*

#### 106 Interpretation.

(1) In this Act—

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“Authority” means the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority;

[<sup>F3</sup>“Citizens Advice” means the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux;]

[<sup>F3</sup>“Citizens Advice Scotland” means the Scottish Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux;]

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[<sup>F7</sup>“designated regulatory function” means—

(a) a function of the Authority conferred by—

(i) a provision of [<sup>F8</sup>assimilated] law,

(ii) a condition in a licence under section 7, 7ZA or 7A of the 1986 Act, as that condition is modified from time to time on or after IP completion day, or

(iii) a condition in a licence under section 6 of the 1989 Act, as that condition is modified from time to time on or after IP completion day,

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where that function was, immediately before IP completion day, one of its functions as a regulatory authority designated in accordance with Article 35 of the Electricity Directive or Article 39 of the Gas Directive;

- (b) a function of the Northern Ireland Authority conferred by—
- (i) a provision of retained EU law, or
  - (ii) a condition in a licence under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2)), as that condition is modified from time to time on or after IP completion day,

where that function was, immediately before IP completion day, one of its functions as a regulatory authority designated in accordance with Article 39 of the Gas Directive;

- (c) a function of the Northern Ireland Authority as a regulatory authority designated in accordance with Article 35 of the Electricity Directive;]

[<sup>F9</sup>“the Electricity Directive” means Directive 2009/72/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity and repealing Directive 2003/54/EC;

“electricity licence” means a licence under section 6 of the 1989 Act;

[<sup>F10</sup>“the Gas Directive” means Directive 2009/73/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas and repealing Directive 2003/55/EC( ), as amended by the 2019 Amending Directive;]

“gas licence” means a licence under section 7 [<sup>F11</sup> , 7A [<sup>F12</sup> , 7AA, 7AB or 7AC]] of the 1986 Act;

“the 1986 Act” means the <sup>M1</sup>Gas Act 1986;

“the 1989 Act” means the <sup>M2</sup>Electricity Act 1989.

[<sup>F13</sup>“the 2019 Amending Directive” means Directive (EU) 2019/692 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 amending Directive 2009/73/EC concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas.]

- (2) Expressions used in this Act, as regards matters relating to gas, which are defined in section 48 or 66 of the 1986 Act or used in Part I of that Act have, unless the context otherwise requires, the same meaning as in that Part of that Act.
- (3) Expressions used in this Act, as regards matters relating to electricity, which are defined in section 64 or 111 of the 1989 Act or used in Part I of that Act have, unless the context otherwise requires, the same meaning as in that Part of that Act.
- (4) Section 46 of the 1986 Act (service of notices, etc.) shall apply to any document authorised or required by virtue of any provision of this Act to be served on or given to any person as if it were authorised or required to be served or given by virtue of that Act.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 106 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Electricity and Gas etc. \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/530), regs. 1(1), **70(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** Words in s. 106 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Electricity and Gas etc. \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/530), regs. 1(1), **70(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Words in s. 106(1) inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Public Bodies \(Abolition of the National Consumer Council and Transfer of the Office of Fair Trading’s Functions in relation to Estate Agents etc\) Order 2014](#) (S.I. 2014/631), art. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 8(10)(a)** (with Sch. 1 para. 28, Sch. 2 paras. 13-15)

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- F4** Words in s. 106(1) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [The Public Bodies \(Abolition of the National Consumer Council and Transfer of the Office of Fair Trading’s Functions in relation to Estate Agents etc\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/631\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 8(10)(b)** (with Sch. 1 para. 28, Sch. 2 paras. 13-15)
- F5** Words in s. 106 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Electricity and Gas etc. \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/530\)](#), regs. 1(1), **70(c)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F6** Words in s. 106 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Electricity and Gas etc. \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/530\)](#), regs. 1(1), **70(d)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F7** Words in s. 106 inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Electricity and Gas etc. \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/530\)](#), regs. 1(1), **70(e)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1016, regs. 1(2), **3(27)**); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F8** Word in s. 106(1) substituted (1.1.2024) by [The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1424\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 45(3)**
- F9** Words in s. 106(1) inserted (10.11.2011) by [The Electricity and Gas \(Internal Markets\) Regulations 2011 \(S.I. 2011/2704\)](#), regs. 1(1), **25**
- F10** Words in s. 106(1) substituted (14.7.2020) by [The Gas \(Internal Markets\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/625\)](#), regs. 1(2), **7(a)**
- F11** Words in s. 106(1) substituted (19.9.2012) by [The Electricity and Gas \(Smart Meters Licensable Activity\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2400\)](#), arts. 1, **30(3)**
- F12** Words in s. 106(1) substituted (25.5.2024) by [The Energy Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/706\)](#), regs. 1(2), **5(7)**
- F13** Words in s. 106(1) inserted (14.7.2020) by [The Gas \(Internal Markets\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/625\)](#), regs. 1(2), **7(b)**

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#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1986 c. 44.  
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