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## SCHEDULES

PROSPECTIVE

### SCHEDULE 5

#### MERGERS: FAST-TRACK REFERENCES UNDER SECTIONS 22 AND 33 OF EA 2002

- 10 (1) In Chapter 3 of Part 3 of EA 2002 (mergers: other special cases), Schedule 5A (energy network mergers affecting comparative regulation: modifications of Chapter 1 of Part 3) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 1 (general modifications), in sub-paragraph (2), for the words after “include” substitute “—
- (a) a reference made under a subsection of that section;
  - (b) a reference treated as made under that section.”
- (3) For paragraph 5 (time limits for decisions about references) substitute—
- “5 Section 34ZA (time-limits for decisions about references) has effect as if—
- (a) in subsection (1)(a)—
    - (i) the reference to section 22(2) were to section 68B(2);
    - (ii) the reference to section 22(3) were to section 68B(3);
    - (iii) the reference to section 33(2) were to section 68C(2);
    - (iv) the reference to section 33(3) were to section 68C(3);
  - (b) section (1A) were omitted.
- 5A Chapter 1 has effect as if sections 34ZD to 34ZF (fast-track reference requests) were omitted.”
- (4) After paragraph 7 insert—
- “Time-limits for investigations and reports*
- 7A Section 39 (time-limits for investigations and reports) has effect as if subsection (3A) were omitted.”

#### Commencement Information

- II Sch. 5 para. 10 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 339\(1\)](#)

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