
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 698

**The Electricity (Connection Standards
of Performance) Regulations 2015**

PART 4

Governance and Other Issues

Extensions of time

16.—(1) Where one or more of the circumstances referred to in paragraph (6(a) to 6(e) of regulation 15 or described in paragraph (4) below arises, an agreed date under any of regulations 8(3), 9(5) to 9(11), and 12(2) will be extended by such reasonable period (or to such reasonable date) as the electricity distributor may specify.

(2) Provided the electricity distributor specifies such period or date within a reasonable period of time after the circumstance in question arises, the electricity distributor may specify such period or date before or after the date that would otherwise have been the agreed date.

(3) The period or date so specified will only be effective if the electricity distributor contacts the customer or relevant authority (as appropriate) to communicate the period or date so specified.

(4) The circumstances described in this paragraph are as follows—

- (a) severe weather conditions that either of themselves prevent the electricity distributor from carrying out the requisite work or, being of any of the categories 1, 2 or 3 of severity as defined in the Electricity (Standards of Performance) Regulations 2015(1), cause the electricity distributor, acting reasonably, to postpone pre-planned works in order to restore supplies to customers as quickly as possible;
- (b) a network system emergency that causes the electricity distributor, acting reasonably, to redirect its resources and thereby prevents it from completing any action required by these Regulations;
- (c) an inability to undertake live working on the distribution system because of compliance with safety procedures in circumstances where the electricity distributor would normally expect to undertake such working and where this restriction has a material impact on the timescale for completion of the works;
- (d) delays imposed by a requirement to obtain a notice and/or permit for street works under the Traffic Management Act 2004(2) or the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991(3);
- (e) delays in obtaining any necessary consents or rights, and/or in acquiring any necessary interest in land, in relation to the location of electric lines and electrical plant needed to provide the connection;

(1) S.I. 2015/699

(2) 2004 c.18.

(3) 1991 c.22.

- (f) that works that are stated in the accepted quotation to be prerequisite to the commencement, completion or energisation (as appropriate) of the works, and that are not the responsibility of the electricity distributor, have not been completed in the agreed manner or within the time agreed; and
- (g) that any other matters stated in the accepted quotation to be prerequisite to the commencement, completion or energisation (as appropriate) of the works, and that are not the responsibility of the electricity distributor, have not been satisfied in the manner or within the time envisaged by the accepted quotation.