

SCHEDULE 13

PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS

PART 2

Protection of Electricity, Gas, Water and Sewerage Undertakers

4.—(1) If, in the exercise of the powers conferred by this Order, the undertaker acquires any interest in any land in which any apparatus is placed, that apparatus must not be removed under this Part and any right of a statutory undertaker to maintain that apparatus in that land must not be extinguished until (if so required by the statutory undertaker) alternative apparatus has been constructed and is in operation to the reasonable satisfaction of the statutory undertaker in question.

(2) If, for the purpose of executing any works in, on, over or under any land purchased, held, appropriated or used under this Order or in, on, over or under any land within the Order limits, the undertaker requires the removal of any apparatus placed in that land, it must give to the statutory undertaker in question written notice of that requirement, together with a plan and section of the work proposed.

(3) If alternative apparatus or any part of such apparatus is to be constructed as a consequence of the removal of apparatus placed on the land referred to in sub-paragraph (2), the statutory undertaker in question must, on receipt of a written notice to that effect from the undertaker, as soon as reasonably possible use its best endeavours to obtain the necessary facilities and rights in other land in which the alternative apparatus is to be constructed.

(4) The statutory undertaker in question must, after the alternative apparatus to be provided or constructed has been agreed or settled by arbitration in accordance with article 34 (arbitration), and after the grant to the statutory undertaker of any such facilities and rights as are referred to in sub-paragraph (3), proceed without unnecessary delay to construct and bring into operation the alternative apparatus and subsequently to remove any apparatus required by the undertaker to be removed under the provisions of this Part.

(5) Despite anything in sub-paragraph (4), if the undertaker gives notice in writing to the statutory undertaker in question that it desires itself to execute any work or part of any work in connection with the construction or removal of apparatus, that work, instead of being executed by the statutory undertaker, must be executed by the undertaker without unnecessary delay under the superintendence, if so required by the statutory undertaker, and to the reasonable satisfaction of the statutory undertaker.

(6) Nothing in sub-paragraph (5) authorises the undertaker to execute the placing, installation, bedding, packing, removal, connection or disconnection of any apparatus, or execute any filling around the apparatus (where the apparatus is laid in a trench) within 300 millimetres of the apparatus without the prior approval of the statutory undertaker (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).