

SCHEDULES

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PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS

PART 2

FOR THE PROTECTION OF OPERATORS OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS CODE NETWORKS

13.—(1) For the protection of any operator, the following provisions have effect, unless otherwise agreed in writing between Network Rail and the operator, have effect.

(2) In this Part of this Schedule—

“electronic communications apparatus” has the same meaning as in the electronic communications code;

“the electronic communications code” has the same meaning as in Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the 2003 Act;

“electronic communications code network” means—

- (a) so much of an electronic communications network or infrastructure system provided by an electronic communications code operator as is not excluded from the application of the electronic communications code by a direction under section 106(1) (application of the electronic communications code) of the 2003 Act; and
- (b) an electronic communications network which the Secretary of State is providing or proposing to provide;

“electronic communications code operator” means a person in whose case the electronic communications code is applied by a direction under section 106 of the 2003 Act;

“infrastructure system” has the same meaning as in the electronic communications code and references to providing an infrastructure system are to be construed in accordance with paragraph 7(2) of that code; and

“operator” means the operator of an electronic communications code network.

14.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) to (4), if as the result of the authorised works or their construction, or of any subsidence resulting from any of those works—

- (a) any damage is caused to any electronic communications apparatus belonging to an operator (other than apparatus the repair of which is not reasonably necessary in view of its intended removal for the purposes of those works), or other property of an operator; or
- (b) there is any interruption in the supply of the service provided by an operator,

Network Rail must bear and pay the cost reasonably incurred by an operator in making good such damage or restoring the supply and must—

(1) Section 4 of the Digital Economy Act 2017 (c. 30).

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- (c) make reasonable compensation to that operator for loss sustained by it; and
- (d) indemnify that operator against claims, demands, proceedings, costs, damages and expenses which may be made or taken against, or recovered from, or incurred by, that operator by reason, or in consequence of, any such damage or interruption.

(2) Nothing in sub-paragraph (1) imposes any liability on Network Rail with respect to any damage or interruption to the extent that it is attributable to the act, neglect or default of an operator, its officers, servants, contractors or agents.

(3) The operator must give Network Rail reasonable notice of any such claim or demand and no settlement or compromise of the claim or demand is to be made without the consent of Network Rail which, if it withholds such consent, has the sole conduct of any settlement or compromise or of any proceedings necessary to resist the claim or demand.

(4) Any difference arising between Network Rail and the operator under this Schedule must be referred to and settled by arbitration under article 57 (arbitration).

15. This Part of this Schedule does not apply to—

- (a) any apparatus in respect of which the relations between Network Rail and an operator are regulated by the provisions of Part 3 of the 1991 Act; or
- (b) any damage, or any interruption, caused by electro-magnetic interference arising from the construction or use of the authorised works.

16. Nothing in this Part of this Schedule affects the provisions of any enactment or agreement regulating the relations between Network Rail and an operator in respect of any apparatus laid or erected in land belonging to Network Rail on the date on which this Order is made.