

SCHEDULE 11

Protective Provisions

PART 3

Protection of operators of electronic communications code networks

33.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) to (4), if as the result of the authorised project or its construction, or of any subsidence resulting from any of the project—

- (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 the project), or other property of an operator; or
- (b) there is any interruption in the supply of the service provided by an operator, the undertaker must bear and pay the cost reasonably incurred by the operator in making good such damage or restoring the supply;
- (c) make reasonable compensation to an operator for loss sustained by it; and
- (d) indemnify an operator against claims, demands, proceedings, costs, damages and expenses that may be made or taken against, or recovered from, or incurred by, an operator by reason, or in consequence of, any such damage or interruption.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to—

- (a) any apparatus in respect of which the relations between the undertaker and an operator are regulated by 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 project.

(3) Nothing in sub-paragraph (1) imposes any liability on the undertaker 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.

(4) The operator must give the undertaker reasonable notice of any such claim or demand, and no settlement or compromise of the claim or demand may be made without the consent of the undertaker 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.

(5) Any difference arising between the undertaker and the operator under this Part is to be referred to and settled by arbitration under article 49 (arbitration).