

# Electricity and Gas Transmission (Compensation) Bill

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**B**E IT ENACTED by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

## 1 Independent mechanism to determine claims for compensation

- (1) The Secretary of State shall lay before Parliament proposals for establishing an independent mechanism to determine claims for compensation in cases where land will be or has been subject to the acquisition of rights over land or of land, through compulsion or by agreement, for the purposes of electricity and gas transmission. 5
- (2) Proposals laid under subsection (1) shall relate to—
  - (a) cases where—
    - (i) a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008 has been granted for the purposes of electricity or gas transmission, and 10
    - (ii) the terms of that Development Consent Order include the acquisition of rights over land or of land, and
  - (b) any other cases which the Secretary of State considers it appropriate to include. 15
- (3) A paper laid under subsection (1) shall include proposals relating to—
  - (a) an independent mechanism for determining the appropriate amount of compensation to be paid to landowners in cases to which the proposals relate,
  - (b) the granting of powers to require the owner or operator of an electricity or gas transmission network to pay the amount of compensation determined to be appropriate by the independent mechanism, 20
  - (c) rules for the functioning of the mechanism, with a view to ensuring that it is accessible and fair.

- (4) Before laying the proposals under subsection (1) the Secretary of State shall consult such persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

## **2 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act applies to England and Wales and Scotland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed. 5
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Electricity and Gas Transmission (Compensation) Act 2022.



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