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# Electricity and Gas Transmission (Compensation) Bill

## (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Electricity and Gas Transmission (Compensation) Bill. Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document. The amendments are arranged in the order in which it is expected they will be decided.

This document should be read alongside the Chair's provisional selection and grouping, which sets out the order in which the amendments will be debated.

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**Dr Liam Fox**

**1**

Page 1, line 1, leave out Clause 1

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment removes clause 1. NC1 is intended to replace clause 1.

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**Dr Liam Fox**

**2**

Clause 2, page 2, line 4, leave out "applies" and insert "extends"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This is a technical amendment replacing the reference to application with a reference to extent.

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**Dr Liam Fox**

**3**

Clause 2, page 2, line 5, leave out "on the day on which it is passed" and insert "at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which it is passed"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment provides for commencement two months after Royal Assent.

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**Dr Liam Fox**

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Clause 2, page 2, line 6, leave out “and Gas”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment amends the Bill's short title to reflect its contents.

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**Dr Liam Fox**

NC1

To move the following Clause—

**“Resolution of compensation disputes in electricity-related land acquisition cases**

- (1) The Secretary of State must draw up proposals for the use of alternative dispute resolution processes in electricity-related land acquisition cases.
- (2) An “alternative dispute resolution process” is any process enabling the parties to a dispute to resolve the dispute out of court.
- (3) An “electricity-related land acquisition case” is a case where—
  - (a) an order is made under section 114 of the Planning Act 2008 (orders granting development consent), and
  - (b) the order authorises the acquisition of land for a purpose connected with the transmission of electricity.

“Transmission” in paragraph (b) has the meaning given in section 4(4) of the Electricity Act 1989.
- (4) The Secretary of State's proposals must include proposals for ensuring—
  - (a) that alternative dispute resolution processes are available for determining the amount of compensation to be paid to landowners in electricity-related land acquisition cases,
  - (b) that the processes are accessible to landowners without undue difficulty or expense,
  - (c) that the processes are operated, and determinations reached, in a way that is independent of the parties to the dispute, and
  - (d) that determinations are enforceable.
- (5) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report containing the proposals drawn up under this section.
- (6) Before laying the report the Secretary of State must consult such persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause is intended to replace clause 1. It focuses the proposals which the Secretary of State must draw up on electricity-related cases rather than gas-related cases. It also contains a number of drafting and clarity-related changes.

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**Dr Liam Fox**

**5**

Title, line 1, leave out from beginning to end of line 4 and insert "Require proposals to be drawn up for the use of alternative dispute resolution processes to determine the compensation payable to landowners in certain cases where land is acquired for the purposes of electricity transmission."

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment amends the Bill's long title to reflect its contents.