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ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

The Planning Act 2008 (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects) (Electric Lines) Order 2013

Made - - - - 2013

Coming into force in accordance with article 1

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(3)(b) and (4) and section 232(3)(b) of the Planning Act 2008(**1**), makes the following Order.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Planning Act 2008 (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects) (Electric Lines) Order 2013 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

Exempt installations

2. Section 16 of the Planning Act 2008 is amended as follows—

(a) after subsection (3)(a) insert—

"(aa) if the length of the line (when installed) will be less than two kilometres,

(ab) if—

(i) the line will replace an existing line,

(ii) the nominal voltage of the line is expected to be greater than the nominal voltage of the existing line (but see subsection (3A)),

(iii) the height above the surface of the ground of any support for the line will not exceed the height of the highest existing support or support which is being replaced by more than 10 per cent, and

(**1**) 2008 c.29. Section 16 was amended by S.I. 2010/277.