



# Water Industry Act 1991

## 1991 CHAPTER 56

### PART II

#### APPOINTMENT AND REGULATION OF UNDERTAKERS

#### CHAPTER I

#### APPOINTMENTS

##### *Conditions of appointments*

#### **12 Determinations under conditions of appointment.**

- (1) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (a) of section 11(1) above, conditions included in an appointment by virtue of that paragraph may—
  - (a) require the appointed company to comply with any direction given by the Director as to such matters as are specified in the appointment or are of a description so specified; and
  - (b) require the appointed company, except in so far as the Director consents to the company's doing or not doing them, not to do or to do such things as are specified in the appointment or are of a description so specified.
- (2) Without prejudice as aforesaid, such conditions may provide for the reference to and determination by—
  - (a) the Secretary of State or the Director; or
  - (b) on a reference by the Director, the [<sup>F1</sup>CMA] ,of such questions arising under the appointment and of such other matters, including (in the case of references to [<sup>F2</sup>the CMA] ) disputes as to determinations by the Director, as are specified in the appointment or are of a description so specified.
- (3) Where any question or other matter falls to be determined by the [<sup>F3</sup>CMA] in pursuance of a provision contained in an appointment under this Chapter—

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- (a) it shall be the duty of the Director, on being required to do so by the company holding that appointment, to refer that question or matter to <sup>F4</sup>the CMA ; and
- (b) it shall be the duty of <sup>F4</sup>the CMA to determine any question or other matter referred by virtue of paragraph (a) above in accordance with—
  - (i) <sup>F5</sup> .....
  - (ii) the principles which apply, by virtue of Part I of this Act, in relation to determinations under this Chapter by the Director.

<sup>F6</sup>(3A) For the purposes of subsection (3) above, where—

- (a) the question or matter referred to the <sup>F7</sup>CMA concerns the review of a price control imposed on the company holding the appointment; and
- (b) the <sup>F7</sup>CMA is to decide to what extent it is reasonable to take into account in its determination costs incurred or borne by the company in connection with the reference,

the <sup>F7</sup>CMA shall also have regard to the extent to which, in its view, its determination is likely to support the company’s (rather than the Authority’s) claims in relation to the question or matter referred to it.

(3B) Subsections (4) and (5) of section 14, and <sup>F8</sup>sections 14A and 14B], below apply to references to the <sup>F9</sup>CMA under this section as they apply to references under section 14.

(3C) A report of the <sup>F9</sup>CMA on a reference under this section—

- (a) shall be made to the Authority; and
- (b) shall include definite conclusions on the questions or other matters comprised in the reference, together with such an account of their reasons for those conclusions as, in the opinion of the <sup>F9</sup>CMA , is expedient for facilitating a proper understanding of those questions or other matters and of their conclusions,

and subsections (5) and (6) of section 15 below apply to such a report as they apply to a report on a reference under section 14.]

<sup>F10</sup>(3D) The functions of the CMA with respect to a reference under this section are to be carried out on behalf of the CMA by a group constituted for the purpose by the chair of the CMA under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (including functions relating to the making of modifications following a report on a reference, and functions under sections 109 to 115 of the Enterprise Act 2002, as applied by subsection (3B) read with section <sup>F11</sup>14B].)

- (4) <sup>F12</sup> .....
- (5) <sup>F12</sup> .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 12(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 53(2)(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F2** Word in s. 12(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 53(2)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F3** Word in s. 12(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 53(3)(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F4** Words in s. 12(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 53(3)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F5** S. 12(3)(b)(i) repealed (1.10.2004) by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 54(3), 105(3), **Sch. 9 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2004/2528, **art. 2(h)(u)** (with art. 4, Sch.)
- F6** S. 12(3A)-(3C) inserted (1.10.2004) by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), **ss. 54(2)**, 105(3); S.I. 2004/2528, **art. 2(h)** (with art. 4, Sch.)
- F7** Word in s. 12(3A) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 53(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F8** Words in s. 12(3B) substituted (14.7.2014) by Water Act 2014 (c. 21), s. 94(2)(s), **Sch. 7 para. 8(a)**
- F9** Words in s. 12(3B)(3C) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 53(5)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F10** S. 12(3D) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 53(6)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F11** Word in s. 12(3D) substituted (14.7.2014) by Water Act 2014 (c. 21), s. 94(2)(s), **Sch. 7 para. 8(b)**
- F12** S. 12(4)(5) repealed (1.10.2004) by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 54(3), 105(3), **Sch. 9 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2004/2528, **art. 2(h)(u)** (with art. 4, Sch.)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 3 Ch. 2B inserted by [2014 c. 21 s. 12](#)
- s. 17(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. 4(4)(b) (as substituted) by S.I. [2019/1245 reg. 21](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 17A(c) repealed by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 4\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 17A(d) repealed by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 4\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 17A(2)(ba) and word inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 4\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 17R(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. 4(7)(b) (as substituted) by S.I. [2019/1245 reg. 21](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 17AA(1)(ba)(bb) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 5\(2\)](#)
- s. 17BA(5A) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 17HA(9)(b)(ia) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 16\(2\)](#)
- s. 23(2AA) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 35\(4\)](#)
- s. 23(8)(9) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 35\(10\)](#)
- s. 39E-39H inserted by [2021 c. 30 s. 78\(7\)](#)
- s. 87(7C)-(7F) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 35\(6\)](#)
- s. 94A-94E inserted by [2021 c. 30 s. 79](#)
- s. 95ZA(6) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 39\(4\)](#)
- s. 96ZA(2)-(5) substituted for s. 96ZA(2) by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 40](#)
- s. 106B(3A) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 94](#)
- s. 117G(2)(aa) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 41\(2\)](#)
- s. 117G(4)-(4D) substituted for s. 117(4) by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 41\(3\)](#)
- s. 117G(6)(aa) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 41\(4\)](#)
- s. 117K(2)(aa) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 42\(2\)](#)
- s. 117K(5)(5A) substituted for s. 117(5) by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 42\(3\)](#)
- s. 117L(9) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 43\(3\)](#)
- s. 117N(4)(aa) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 45\(2\)](#)
- s. 117N(8)(aa) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 45\(3\)](#)
- s. 117N(11)(aa) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 45\(4\)](#)
- s. 117O(4)(aa) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 46\(2\)](#)
- s. 117O(8)(aa) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 46\(3\)](#)
- s. 117S(7)-(9) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 49](#)
- s. 119(2)(ab) inserted by [2003 c. 37 s. 89\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 119(3) inserted by [2003 c. 37 s. 89\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 121(1)(ba) inserted by [2003 c. 37 s. 89\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 141DA inserted by [2021 c. 30 s. 81](#)
- s. 141DC inserted by [2021 c. 30 s. 83](#)
- s. 177K(7)(aa) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 42\(4\)](#)
- s. 207D and cross-heading inserted by [2014 c. 21 s. 39](#)
- s. 207D(5) word repealed by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 52\(a\)](#)
- s. 207D(5) words inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 52\(b\)](#)

- s. 213(1ZA) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 119\(3\)](#)
- s. 213(1ZA) repealed by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 5 para. 53](#)