
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

PART II

GAS SUPPLY AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

Licensing of supply of gas and associated activities

Conditions of licences

10.—(1) A licence may include—

- (a) such conditions (whether or not relating to the activities authorised by the licence) as appear to the grantor to be requisite or expedient having regard to the duties imposed by^[F1] Article 14 of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003]; and
- (b) conditions requiring the rendering to the grantor of a payment on the grant of the licence, or payments during the currency of the licence, or both, of such amount or amounts as may be determined by or under the licence.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1)(a), conditions included in a licence by virtue of that sub-paragraph—

- (a) may require the licence holder to enter into agreements with other persons for the use of any gas plant^[F1] owned, leased or operated by him] (wherever situated and whether or not used for the purpose of carrying on the activities authorised by the licence) for such purposes as may be specified in the conditions; and
- (b) may include provision for determining the terms on which such agreements are to be entered into.

(3) ^[F1]Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1)(a), conditions included in a licence by virtue of that sub-paragraph] may require the licence holder—

- (a) to comply with any direction given by the Department or the Director as to such matters as are specified in the licence or are of a description so specified;
- (b) except in so far as the Department or the Director consents to his doing or not doing them, not to do or to do such things as are specified in the licence or are of a description so specified;
- (c) to refer for determination by the Department or the Director such questions arising under the licence^[F1], or under any document referred to in the licence,] as are specified in the licence or are of a description so specified;
- (d) to refer for approval by the Department or the Director such things falling to be done under the licence, and such arrangements, contracts or agreements made before the grant of the licence, as are specified in the licence or are of a description so specified; and
- (e) to provide the Department or the Director with, or publish, such information relating to the activities authorised by the licence as appear to the Department or the Director to be

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requisite or expedient having regard to the duties imposed by^[F1] Article 14 of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003].

^[F1](3A) Conditions included in a licence Article 8(1)(a) by virtue of paragraph (1)(a) may require the holder, in such circumstances as are specified in the licence—

- (a) so to increase his charges in connection with the conveyance of gas as to raise such amounts as may be determined by or under the conditions; and
- (b) to pay the amounts so raised to such persons as may be so determined.]

(4) Conditions included in a licence under paragraph (1)(a) may—

- (a) instead of specifying or describing any arrangements, contracts or agreements to which they apply, refer to arrangements, contracts or agreements designated (whether before or after the imposition of the conditions) by the Department or the Director; and
- (b) instead of containing any provisions which fall to be made, refer to provisions set out in documents so designated and direct that those provisions shall have such effect as may be specified in the conditions.

^[F1](5) Conditions included in a licence may contain provision for the conditions—

- (a) to have effect or cease to have effect at such times and in such circumstances as may be determined by or under the conditions; or
- (b) to be modified in such manner as may be specified in the conditions at such times and in such circumstances as may be so determined.]

(6) Any provision included under paragraph (5) in a licence shall have effect in addition to the provision made by this Part with respect to the modification of the conditions of a licence.

^[F1](6A) Conditions included in a licence may provide for references in the conditions to any document to operate as references to that document as revised or re-issued from time to time.]

(7) Any sums received by the Director in consequence of any condition of a licence shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

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