
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

PART II

GAS SUPPLY AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

Provisions with respect to the General Consumer Council

General duty of the General Consumer Council to advise Director, etc.

33.—(1) It shall be the duty of the General Consumer Council—

- (a) to make representations to and consult with holders of licences or exemptions about all such matters as appear to the Council to affect the interests of consumers of gas;
- (b) to keep under review matters affecting the interests of consumers of gas; and
- (c) to advise the Director on any matter affecting the interests of such consumers on which the Council considers it should offer advice or which is referred to the Council by the Director.

(2) The Director may, to such extent as may be approved by the Department of Finance and Personnel, defray or contribute towards the expenses of the General Consumer Council in exercising functions under this Part.

Reports of the General Consumer Council

34.—(1) The General Consumer Council—

- (a) shall make a report to the Director on any such matter as he may require; and
- (b) may make a report to the Director concerning any matter which appears to the Council to affect the interests of consumers of gas.

(2) The General Consumer Council shall send to the Director a copy of every report prepared by it under paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 1 to the General Consumer Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (annual report of Council).