
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

Article 8(1) of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 authorises the holder of licenses issued under –

- (a) sub-paragraph (a) of that paragraph to participate in the conveyance of gas from one place to another;
- (b) under sub-paragraph (c) of that paragraph to store gas.

These licenses are subject to standard conditions. There are also conditions attaching to particular licenses. Article 60(1) of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 provides for the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, after consultation with the Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation, to modify the conditions of particular licenses or the standard conditions where it considers necessary or expedient to do so for the purposes of implementing or facilitating the operation of arrangements designed to secure the prices charged in connection with the conveyance of gas through certain designated pipelines are in accordance with a common tariff which does not distinguish (whether directly or indirectly) between different parts of Northern Ireland or the extent of any such pipeline.

This Order designates part of the Scotland to Northern Ireland pipeline as a pipeline to which this power of modification applies. That part of the pipeline was previously designated for the same purpose by virtue of the Gas (Designation of Pipelines) Order (Northern Ireland) 2004. That designation, however, ceased to have effect when the licence granted under Article 8(1)(a) of the 1996 Order authorising the holder to convey gas through that pipeline was revoked.