
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 85

The BG Transco plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the BG Transco plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000 and shall come into force on 1st April 2000.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the 1975 Act” means the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975;

“the Company” means BG Transco plc;

“financial year” means the period of twelve months beginning with 1st April;

“gas” means any substance which is, or if it were in a gaseous state would be, gas within the meaning of Part I of the Gas Act 1986⁽¹⁾;

“prescribed class of lands and heritages” means the class of lands and heritages prescribed for the purposes of section 6(1) of the 1975 Act in article 3 of this Order; and

“services” means the pipe and other apparatus installed for each consumer between the distribution mains and the consumer’s gas meter.

(2) Any reference in this Order to—

(a) lands and heritages occupied by the Company includes a reference to lands and heritages which, if unoccupied, are owned by the Company; and

(b) lands and heritages used for any purpose includes a reference to lands and heritages which are unused but in relation to which it appears that, when next in use, they will be used for such a purpose.

Prescribed class of lands and heritages

3. The following class of lands and heritages is hereby prescribed for the purposes of section 6(1) of the 1975 Act, namely any lands and heritages in Scotland occupied by the Company and used for any of the purposes of production, treatment, transmission, distribution or storage of gas, including plant and equipment installed therein or thereon and, without prejudice to the foregoing generality, gas terminals, gas research stations, pressure reduction stations, governor stations, holder stations, mains, services and radio stations, insofar as any of them is used for any of the foregoing purposes.

Aggregate amount of rateable values for financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05

4. For the purposes of section 6(1) of the 1975 Act the aggregate amount of the rateable values of the prescribed class of lands and heritages for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 is hereby prescribed as £59,194,405.

(1) 1986 c. 44.

Apportionment of aggregate amount of rateable values

5. For the purposes of section 6(2) of the 1975 Act, the aggregate amount of the rateable values of the prescribed class of lands and heritages for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05 prescribed by article 4 above shall be apportioned among the local authorities specified in column 1 of the Schedule to this Order in the amount shown opposite the name of each such local authority in column 2 of that Schedule.

Amendment of enactments

6. The following amendments shall be made to the enactments specified in articles 7 and 8 below in their relation to the valuation of the prescribed class of lands and heritages for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2004-05.

7. In section 6(1) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956(2), after the words “this Act”, there shall be inserted the words “and to any Order made by the Scottish Ministers under section 6 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975”.

8.—(1) Section 2(1)(c) of the 1975 Act(3) shall be amended by inserting at the end of the following:—

“(iii) upon their ceasing to be lands and heritages within the class of lands and heritages prescribed in the BG Transco plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the 2000 Order”);”.

(2) Section 2(1)(d) of that Act shall be amended by inserting after the words “lands and heritages” the following words:—

“(other than lands and heritages within the class of lands and heritages prescribed in the 2000 Order)”.

(3) After paragraph (f) of section 2(1) of that Act there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

“(ff) by entering therein any lands and heritages within the class of lands and heritages prescribed in the 2000 Order together with the rateable values apportioned by that Order to the local authorities whose areas comprise or form part of the valuation area;”.

(4) In paragraph (a) of section 2(2) of that Act, after the words “subsection (1)(a)” there shall be inserted the words “or (ff)”.

(5) In section 3(4) of that Act(4) after the words “lands and heritages” where they appear for the first time, there shall be inserted the following:—

“(other than lands and heritages within the class of lands and heritages prescribed in the 2000 Order)”.

Revocations

9. The following Orders are hereby revoked:—

- (a) the British Gas plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1995(5); and
- (b) the British Gas plc. (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1997(6).

(2) 1956 c. 60: section 6(1) was amended by the Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc. (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 47), Schedule 6 and the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c. 42), Schedule 6, paragraph 3.

(3) Section 2(1)(c)(i) was repealed by the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 (c. 29), Schedule 4.

(4) Section 3(4) was amended by the Local Government and Rating Act 1997, Schedule 3, paragraph 13(b).

(5) S.I.1995/368.

(6) S.I. 1997/1048.

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