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RATING AND VALUATION

The Non-Domestic Rating (Telecommunications and Canals) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2008

Made	4th March 2008
Laid before the Scottish Parliament	5th March 2008
Coming into force	31st March 2008

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 6A of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act $1956(\mathbf{a})$ and all other powers enabling them to do so.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Non-Domestic Rating (Telecommunications and Canals) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2008 and comes into force on 31st March 2008.

Amendment of the Non-Domestic Rating (Telecommunications and Canals) (Scotland) Order 1995

2. The Non-Domestic Rating (Telecommunications and Canals) (Scotland) Order 1995(**b**) is amended by substituting for article 2B–

"From and including 31st March 2008, the unbundled local loop shall be treated as occupied by British Telecommunications plc.".

JOHN SWINNEY A member of the Scottish Executive

St Andrew's House, Edinburgh 4th March 2008

(a) 1956 c.60. Section 6A was inserted by virtue of section 161 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39) and S.I. 1994/3150. The functions of the Secretary of State in terms of section 6A were transferred to the Scotlish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46).

⁽**b**) S.I. 1995/239; amended by S.S.I. 2006/557.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends article 2B of the Non-Domestic Rating (Telecommunications and Canals) (Scotland) Order 1995 so that the unbundled local loop which British Telecommunications plc lets or licenses to any person is treated as occupied by that company from 31st March 2008. It makes permanent the temporary provisions introduced by article 2(4) of the Non-Domestic Rating (Telecommunications and Canals) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2006.

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