## DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2015 No.

## The Electricity and Gas (Market Integrity and Transparency) (Criminal Sanctions) Regulations 2015

## Penalties

11.—(1) A person guilty of an offence under these Regulations is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or a fine or both.

(2) Paragraph (3) applies if section 85(2) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012(1) (removal of limit on certain fines on conviction by magistrates' court) is in force on the day these Regulations are made.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under these Regulations is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine or both;
- (b) on summary conviction in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
- (c) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both.

(4) Paragraph (5) applies if section 85(2) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 is not in force on the day these Regulations are made.

- (5) A person guilty of an offence under these Regulations is liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
  - (b) on summary conviction in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
  - (c) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both.

(6) In relation to an offence committed in England and Wales before section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003(2) comes into force, the references in paragraphs (3)(a) and (5)(a) to "12 months" are to be read as references to "6 months".

<sup>(1) 2012</sup> c. 10.

<sup>(</sup>**2**) 2003 c. 44.