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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 4

GAS SUPPLY CODE

Meters and fittings

Consumption of gas to be ascertained by meter:

- 7 Every consumer of gas supplied by the Corporation shall, if required to do so by them, take his supply through a meter duly stamped in accordance with section 30 of this Act; and the Corporation shall if so required by the owner or occupier of any premises, or by any authority within paragraph 5 above, supply to the said owner, occupier or authority, either by way of sale or by way of hire, an appropriate meter (whether a prepayment meter or otherwise) for ascertaining the quantity of gas supplied by them:

Provided that—

- (a) the said owner, occupier or authority shall, if so required by the Corporation, before receiving the meter give to the Corporation security for payment to them of the price of the meter if it is to be purchased, or of the rent of the meter if it is to be hired, and
- (b) the preceding provisions of this paragraph shall not have effect in relation to the supply of gas to a person under any agreement made with the Corporation and providing for the quantity of gas supplied to him to be ascertained otherwise than by means of a duly stamped meter.

Meters to be kept in proper order:

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- (1) Every consumer shall at all times, at his own expense, keep all meters belonging to him, whereby the quantity of gas supplied by the Corporation is registered, in proper order for correctly registering the quantity of gas, and in default of his doing so the Corporation may cease to supply gas through that meter.
 - (2) The Corporation shall at all times at their own expense, keep all meters let for hire by them to any consumer in proper order for correctly registering the quantity of gas supplied, and in default of their so doing the consumer shall not be liable to pay rent for the meter in respect of the period of the default.
 - (3) The Corporation shall have access to and be at liberty to remove, inspect and replace any meter at all reasonable times, and shall, while any such meter is removed, fix a substituted meter on the premises; and, subject to sub-paragraph (4) below, the cost of removing, inspecting and replacing a meter and of fixing a substituted meter shall be defrayed by the Corporation.
 - (4) Where a meter is removed for the purpose of being examined by a meter examiner in accordance with this Act, the person at whose request the examination is to be carried

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out shall, unless the meter is found to register erroneously to a degree exceeding the degree permissible under the regulations for the time being in force, defray the expenses incurred in removing, examining and replacing the meter and fixing a substituted meter, and the said expenses shall, if the meter is found to register erroneously as aforesaid, be defrayed by the owner of the meter.

Placing of meters in new premises.

- 9 (1) Every meter to be used in a building not previously supplied with gas or in connection with a new-or substituted pipe laid between the main and the meter shall be placed as near as practicable to the main, but within the outside wall of the building:

Provided that the meter may be placed otherwise than within the outside wall of the building if it is placed either in accommodation of a type and construction reasonably approved by the Corporation by an approval given in relation to buildings generally, or to any class or description of buildings, or in a separate meter house or other accommodation outside the building reasonably approved by the Corporation in the case of that particular building.

- (2) If the requirements of sub-paragraph (1) above are not complied with, the Corporation may refuse to supply gas to the premises until those requirements have been complied with.

Meter to be evidence of quantity of gas supplied.

- 10 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, where gas is supplied through a meter, the register of the meter shall be prima facie evidence of the quantity of gas supplied:

Provided that where a meter is found, when examined by a meter examiner appointed under this Act, to register erroneously to a degree exceeding the degree permissible under the regulations for the time being in force—

- (a) the meter shall be deemed to have registered erroneously to the degree so found since the penultimate date on which the register of the meter was ascertained before the date of the examination and otherwise than in connection therewith, except in a case where it is proved to have begun to register erroneously as aforesaid on some later date; and
- (b) the amount of allowance to be made to, or the surcharge to be made on, the consumer by the Corporation in consequence of the erroneous registration shall be paid to Or by the consumer, as the case may be, and shall, in the case of a surcharge, be recoverable in like manner as charges for gas are recoverable by the Corporation.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) above shall not have effect in relation to the supply of gas to a person under any agreement made with the Corporation and providing for the quantity of gas supplied to him to be ascertained otherwise than by means of a duly stamped meter.

Alteration and replacement of burners on change of calorific value.

- 11 The Corporation shall, in the case of any alteration in the calorific value declared in respect of any gas supplied by them, take at their own expense such steps as may be necessary to alter, adjust or replace the burners in the appliances of consumers of that gas in such manner as to secure that the gas can be burned with safety and efficiency:

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Provided that in the case of any consumer who objects thereto the Corporation shall not carry out any such alteration, adjustment or replacement except where in the opinion of the Corporation such alteration, adjustment or replacement is necessary in the interests of safety.