



Energy Act 1976

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Other measures for controlling energy sources and promoting economy

14 Fuelling of new and converted power stations

- (1) A person who proposes to carry out works—
- (a) for the establishment of an electricity generating station to be fuelled by crude liquid petroleum, any petroleum product or natural gas ; or
 - (b) for the conversion of an electricity generating station with a view to its being so fuelled,
- shall, unless his case is one excepted by order of the Secretary of State under subsection (4), give written notice of the proposal to him.
- (2) A person who proposes—
- (a) to enter into contractual or other arrangements for obtaining a supply of natural gas as fuel for an electricity generating station; or
 - (b) to extend the duration of any such arrangements (whether made before or after the passing of this Act),
- shall, unless the arrangements fall within the scope of a general authority granted by the Secretary of State by order under subsection (5), give written notice of the proposal to him.
- (3) The Secretary of State may, if he thinks it expedient having regard to current energy policies, direct that a proposal notified to him under this section be not carried out, or be carried out in accordance with conditions specified in the direction.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by order prescribe cases in which notice under subsection (1) above need not be given; and the cases prescribed may be those where—
- (a) the plant is of less than specified capacity or is used only for specified purposes; or
 - (b) such other circumstances obtain as make it unnecessary in the Secretary of State's opinion for him to be given notice under the subsection.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (5) The Secretary of State may by order grant authority for the purposes of subsection (2) above for fuel supply arrangements of any description specified in the order.
- (6) This section does not affect—
- (a) section 2 of the Electric Lighting Act 1909 ;
 - (b) section 11 of the Electricity Supply Act 1919 ;
 - (c) section 21 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974;
 - (d) section 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976,
- (all of which operate so as, in certain circumstances, to require the Secretary of State's consent for power station construction etc.).