

SCHEDULES

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Section 27

AMENDMENTS OF LEGISLATION

PART 1

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT

Gas Act 1986

- 1 In Schedule 4B to the Gas Act 1986 (provisions imposing obligations that are enforceable as relevant requirements), in paragraph 4 (obligations of gas suppliers and gas shippers), after paragraph (e) insert—
- “(f) section 3(2), (3) or (4) of the Energy Prices Act 2022, except section 3(2)(c) or (4)(b) insofar as non-compliance with the terms of the designated scheme involves the amounts payable by or to the Secretary of State under the scheme;
 - (g) section 22 of the Energy Prices Act 2022.”

Electricity Act 1989

- 2 In Schedule 6A to the Electricity Act 1989 (provisions imposing obligations that are enforceable as relevant requirements), in paragraph 6 (obligations of supply licence holders), after paragraph (f) insert—
- “(g) section 2(2) of the Energy Prices Act 2022, except section 2(2)(c) insofar as non-compliance with the terms of the designated scheme involves the amounts payable by or to the Secretary of State under the scheme;
 - (h) section 22 of the Energy Prices Act 2022.”

Utilities Act 2000

- 3 The Utilities Act 2000 is amended as follows.
- 4 In section 33(1) (standard conditions of electricity licences)—
- (a) in paragraph (i), omit the second “or”;
 - (b) in paragraph (j), after “2022” insert “, or
 - (k) under or by virtue of section 21 of the Energy Prices Act 2022”.
- 5 In section 81(2) (standard conditions of gas licences), after “Smart Meters Act 2018” insert “or under or by virtue of section 21 of the Energy Prices Act 2022”.
- 6 In section 105 (general restrictions on disclosure of information)—

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- (a) in subsection (1), after “2022” insert “or a relevant scheme or regulations made under section 9(1) or (2) or section 16 of the Energy Prices Act 2022”;
- (b) in subsection (3), after paragraph (ab) insert—
 - “(ac) it is required by any person in exercise of a power to require information conferred by regulations under section 16 of the Energy Prices Act 2022;”;
- (c) after subsection (8) insert—
 - “(8A) Subsection (1) does not apply to a disclosure of information which has been obtained—
 - (a) under or by virtue of a relevant scheme if it is made by a person in connection with that person’s performance of the terms of that relevant scheme, or
 - (b) under or by virtue of regulations made under section 9(1) or (2) of the Energy Prices Act 2022 if the disclosure is made by a person in connection with the exercise of that person’s functions under the regulations.”;
- (d) in subsection (10), after the definition of “relevant activities” insert—
 - ““relevant scheme” means—
 - (a) a domestic electricity price reduction scheme for Great Britain, or
 - (b) a domestic gas price reduction scheme for Great Britain, within the meaning of the Energy Prices Act 2022 (see section 1 of that Act);”.

PART 2

NORTHERN IRELAND LEGISLATION

Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

- 7 The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)) is amended as follows.
- 8 In Article 12 (the principal objective and general duties of the Department and the Authority in relation to electricity), in paragraph (7), in the definition of “electricity functions”—
 - (a) for “means functions” substitute “means—
 - (a) functions”;
 - (b) after the third “electricity” insert “;
 - (b) the functions which the Department has under section 5 (so far as relating to electricity) and section 6 of the Energy Prices Act 2022 (see Schedule 5 to that Act);
 - (c) the Authority’s function of giving directions under section 6(3) of the Energy Prices Act 2022;
 - (d) functions under regulations made under section 11(1) of the Energy Prices Act 2022;
 - (e) the power which the Department has under section 22 of the Energy Prices Act 2022 (by virtue of paragraph 1(1)(g) of Schedule 5 to that Act) to give a direction in connection with—

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- (i) the domestic electricity price reduction scheme for Northern Ireland, or
 - (ii) regulations made under section 11(1) (so far as relating to electricity)”.
- 9 In Article 14 (the principal objective and general duties of the Department and the Authority in relation to gas), in paragraph (6), in the definition of “gas functions”—
 - (a) in paragraph (a), omit “and”;
 - (b) in paragraph (b), after “gas” insert “;
 - (c) the functions which the Department has under section 5 (so far as relating to gas) and section 7 of the Energy Prices Act 2022 (see Schedule 5 to that Act);
 - (d) the Authority’s function of giving directions under section 7(3) of the Energy Prices Act 2022;
 - (e) functions under regulations made under section 11(2) of the Energy Prices Act 2022;
 - (f) the power which the Department has under section 22 of the Energy Prices Act 2022 (by virtue of paragraph 1(1)(g) of Schedule 5 to that Act) to give a direction in connection with—
 - (i) the domestic gas price reduction scheme for Northern Ireland, or
 - (ii) regulations made under section 11(2) (so far as relating to gas)”.
- 10 In Article 41A (meaning of relevant requirement in relation to electricity), in paragraph (4)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (j), omit the third “and”;
 - (b) after paragraph (k) insert—
 - “(l) section 6(2) of the Energy Prices Act 2022, except section 6(2)(c) insofar as non-compliance with the terms of the designated scheme involves the amounts payable by or to the Secretary of State under the scheme; and
 - (m) section 22 of the Energy Prices Act 2022.”.
- 11 In Article 41B (meaning of relevant requirement in relation to gas), in paragraph (3)
—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (i), omit the third “and”;
 - (b) after paragraph (j) insert—
 - “(k) section 7(2) of the Energy Prices Act 2022, except section 7(2)(c) insofar as non-compliance with the terms of the designated scheme involves the amounts payable by or to the Secretary of State under the scheme; and
 - (l) section 22 of the Energy Prices Act 2022.”.
- 12 In Article 63 (general restrictions on disclosure of information)—
 - (a) in paragraph (1)(a)—
 - (i) for “or Part II” substitute “, Part II”;
 - (ii) after “Gas Order” insert “, a relevant scheme or regulations made under section 11(1) or (2) or section 16 of the Energy Prices Act 2022”;
 - (b) in paragraph (3), after paragraph (b) insert—

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- “(ba) it is required by any person in exercise of a power to require information conferred by regulations under section 16 of the Energy Prices Act 2022;”;
- (c) after paragraph (7) insert—
 - “(7A) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a disclosure of information which has been obtained—
 - (a) under or by virtue of a relevant scheme if it is made by a person in connection with that person’s performance of the terms of that relevant scheme;
 - (b) under or by virtue of regulations made under section 11(1) or (2) of the Energy Prices Act 2022 if the disclosure is made by a person in connection with the exercise of that person’s functions under the regulations.”;
- (d) after paragraph (10) insert—
 - “(11) In this Article “relevant scheme” means—
 - (a) a domestic electricity price reduction scheme for Northern Ireland, or
 - (b) a domestic gas price reduction scheme for Northern Ireland,
 established under section 5 of the Energy Prices Act 2022.”

The Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007

- 13 The Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 ([S.I. 2007/913 \(N.I. 7\)](#)) is amended as follows.
- 14 In Article 6 (the Single Electricity Market Committee), in paragraph (4), after sub-paragraph (d) insert—
 - “(e) the function of giving directions under section 6(3) of the Energy Prices Act 2022;
 - (f) a function under regulations made under section 11(1) of the Energy Prices Act 2022;”.
- 15 In Article 9 (principal objective and duties of Department, the Authority and SEM Committee in relation to SEM), in paragraph (8), in the definition of “electricity functions”, after paragraph (d) insert—
 - “(e) functions under sections 5 and 6 of the Energy Prices Act 2022 (but only the functions under section 5 relating to electricity);
 - (f) functions under regulations made under section 11(1) of the Energy Prices Act 2022;”.