

2001 No. 3267

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The Gas (Connection Charges) Regulations 2001

Made - - - - - *28th September 2001*

Coming into force - - - *1st October 2001*

The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 10(7) and 47(3)(b) of the Gas Act 1986^(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and with the consent of the Secretary of State, makes the following Regulations—

Citation, commencement and transitional provisions

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Gas (Connection Charges) Regulations 2001 and shall come into force on 1st October 2001.

(2) Regulation 3 shall apply in respect of any main laid before the coming into force of these Regulations as if—

(a) for sub-paragraph (c) of that regulation there were substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(c) the amount required does not exceed any amount paid in respect of those expenses by such a person or by any person previously required to make a payment under these Regulations or the Gas (Connection Charges) Regulations 1986^(b),” and

(b) for sub-paragraph (e)(iii) of that regulation there were substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(iii) the amounts paid in respect of those expenses by the persons for whom the main was laid, or by persons previously required to make a payment under these Regulations or the Gas (Connection Charges) Regulations 1986”.

Revocation

2. The Gas (Connection Charges) Regulations 1986 are revoked.

Entitlement to recover amount in respect of expenses

3. A gas transporter may require a person requiring a connection to a relevant main under section 10(2) of the Gas Act 1986 to pay to the transporter an amount in respect of the expenses of the laying of the main used for the purpose of making that connection to a relevant main if—

(a) the connection to a relevant main is required within five years after the laying of the main;

(b) a person for whom the main was laid has made a payment to the gas transporter in respect of those expenses;

(a) 1986 c. 44.

(b) S.I. 1986/1448.

- (c) the amount required does not exceed any amount paid in respect of those expenses by such a person or by any person previously required to make a payment under these Regulations;
- (d) the gas transporter has not recovered those expenses in full; and
- (e) the gas transporter has made available to the person requiring the connection to a relevant main such information as may have been reasonably requested by that person for the purpose of ascertaining—
 - (i) the expenses of the laying of the main;
 - (ii) the date of the laying of the main; and
 - (iii) the amounts paid in respect of those expenses by the persons for whom the main was laid, or by persons previously required to make a payment under these Regulations.

The seal of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority
here affixed is authenticated by the signature of

M. C. McCarthy,
A member of the Authority
21st September 2001



I Consent

28th September 2001

Brian Wilson,
Minister of State for Industry and Energy,
Department of Trade and Industry

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision for entitling a gas transporter to require a person requiring a connection to a relevant main in pursuance of section 10(2) (duty to connect certain premises) of the Gas Act 1986 to pay to the transporter an amount in respect of the expenses of the laying of the main to provide the connection to a relevant main. The Regulations make such provision in respect of mains laid either before or after the commencement of the Regulations. Regulation 2 revokes the Gas (Connection Charges) Regulations 1986.

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