

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE GAS (EXTENT OF DOMESTIC SUPPLY LICENCES) (REVOCATIONS) ORDER
2013

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1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department of Energy and Climate Change and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.
2. **Purpose of the instrument**
 - 2.1 This instrument revokes three orders which provided for stages in the introduction of competition in the gas supply through pipes predominately to domestic premises. The orders set in respect of certain areas in Great Britain a ‘relevant date’ for a licensed gas supplier to be able to supply domestic premises in that area, which was earlier than 1st January 1999 (the date set in the Gas Act 1995 for any licensed supplier to be able to supply domestic premises anywhere in Great Britain, i.e. when competition would apply to the whole country). The orders are spent and can be revoked.
3. **Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**
 - 3.1 None.
4. **Legislative Context**
 - 4.1 This instrument is being made as part of the government’s Red Tape Challenge programme, which involves removing and reforming areas of regulation. For more details, see the Policy Background section below.
5. **Territorial Extent and Application**
 - 5.1 This instrument applies to Great Britain.
6. **European Convention on Human Rights**
 - 6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.
7. **Policy background**
 - What is being done and why
 - 7.1 This Order is made as a result of the government’s ‘Red Tape Challenge’ programme which sought the views of businesses and the public on the removal and

reform of areas of regulation. DECC holds primary responsibility for the 'Red Tape Challenge Energy Theme' under which these revocations are being delivered.

7.2 This Order revokes three orders which provided for stages in the introduction of competition in the gas supply through pipes at rates not expected to exceed 2,500 therms a year (predominately to domestic premises). The orders are all spent, therefore they can be revoked.

- Consolidation

7.3 None.

8. Consultation outcome

8.1 No specific consultation concerning the orders being revoked was undertaken. As part of the Red Tape Challenge, every few weeks regulations affecting a specific sector or industry (as well as that of general regulations that cuts across sectors) is published by the Cabinet Office online (at this web address: <http://www.redtapechallenge.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/home/index/>) for the public and stakeholders to suggest how they can be 'scrapped' or 'improved'. The department also ran an internal challenge process to identify measures which could be removed or reformed, which identified the orders being revoked. No external comments were received concerning the orders.

9. Guidance

9.1 No guidance has been produced concerning this instrument.

10. Impact

10.1 The impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies is nil.

10.2 The impact on the public sector is nil.

10.3 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument.

11. Regulating small business

11.1 The legislation does not apply to small business.

12. Monitoring & review

12.1 No monitoring is required.

13. Contact

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