



Gas Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 44

PART I

GAS SUPPLY

Introductory

[^{F1}4AB Guidance on social and environmental matters.

- (1) The Secretary of State shall from time to time issue guidance about the making by the Authority of a contribution towards the attainment of any social or environmental policies set out or referred to in the guidance.
- (2) The Authority shall, in carrying out its functions under this Part, have regard to any guidance issued under this section.
- (3) Before issuing guidance under this section the Secretary of State shall consult—
 - (a) the Authority;
 - [^{F2}(b) the Council;]
 - (c) licence holders; and
 - (d) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers it appropriate to consult in relation to the guidance.
- (4) A draft of any guidance proposed to be issued under this section shall be laid before each House of Parliament.
- (5) Guidance shall not be issued under this section until after the period of forty days beginning with—
 - (a) the day on which the draft is laid before each House of Parliament; or
 - (b) if the draft is laid before the House of Lords on one day and the House of Commons on another, the later of those two days.
- (6) If, before the end of that period, either House resolves that the guidance should not be issued, the Secretary of State must not issue it.

Status: Point in time view as at 26/01/2009. This version of this provision has been superseded.

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- (7) In reckoning any period of forty days for the purposes of subsection (5) or (6), no account shall be taken of any time during which—
- (a) Parliament is dissolved or prorogued; or
 - (b) both Houses are adjourned for more than four days.
- (8) The Secretary of State shall arrange for any guidance issued under this section to be published in such manner as he considers appropriate.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 4AB inserted (20.12.2000) by [2000 c. 27, s. 10](#); S.I. 2000/3343, art. 2, [Sch.](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [arts. 3-15](#))
- F2** [S. 4AB\(3\)\(b\)](#) substituted (1.10.2008) by [Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 \(c. 17\), s. 66\(2\)](#), [Sch. 7 para. 5](#); S.I. 2008/2550, art. 2, [Sch.](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 4AB extended by [2000 c. 27, s. 5A\(11\)](#) (as inserted (30.12.2003) by [Sustainable Energy Act 2003 \(c. 30\)](#), [ss. 6, 9\(8\)](#))
- C2** Ss. 4AA-4B applied (24.8.2004 for specified purposes, 5.10.2004 in so far as not already in force) by [Energy Act 2004 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 190\(1\)](#), 198(2); S.I. 2004/2184, art. 2(1), [Sch. 1](#); S.I. 2004/2575, art. 2(1), [Sch. 1](#)
- C3** Ss. 4AA-4B applied (26.11.2008) by [Energy Act 2008 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 102\(1\)](#), 110(2)
- C4** Ss. 4AA-4A excluded (26.1.2009) (with application in accordance with s. 90 of the amending Act) by [Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 \(c. 28\)](#), [ss. 89\(3\)](#), 100(3) (with s. 101(2))

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