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PART 1

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

CHAPTER 4

REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS AND HOME-HEATING COSTS

68 Promotion of reductions in home-heating costs: gas transporters and suppliers

After section 33BC of the Gas Act 1986 (promotion of reductions in carbon emissions: gas transporters and suppliers) insert—

“33BD Promotion of reductions in home-heating costs: gas transporters and gas suppliers

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order impose—
 - (a) on each gas transporter (or each gas transporter of a specified description); and
 - (b) on each gas supplier (or each gas supplier of a specified description), an obligation to achieve, within a specified period and in accordance with the order, the home-heating cost reduction target to be determined by the Administrator under the order for that transporter or supplier (and that obligation is referred to in this section as a “home-heating cost reduction obligation”).
- (2) In this section—
 - (a) “the Administrator” means—
 - (i) the Authority; or
 - (ii) if the order so provides, the Secretary of State or a specified body other than the Authority;

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (b) “home-heating cost reduction target” means a target for the promotion of measures for reducing the cost to individuals of heating their homes;
 - (c) “specified” means specified in the order.
- (3) The power to make orders under this section may be exercised so as to impose more than one home-heating cost reduction obligation on a person in relation to the same period or to periods that overlap to any extent.
- (4) Subsections (3), (5) to (8), (9A) and (10A) to (12B) of section 33BC apply to an order under this section as they apply to an order under that section, with the following modifications—
 - (a) for “carbon emissions reduction obligation” (in each place) substitute “home-heating cost reduction obligation”;
 - (b) for “carbon emissions reduction obligations” (in each place) substitute “home-heating cost reduction obligations”;
 - (c) for “carbon emissions reduction target” (in each place other than in paragraph (be) of subsection (5)) substitute “home-heating cost reduction target”;
 - (d) for “carbon emissions reduction targets” (in each place) substitute “home-heating cost reduction targets”; and
 - (e) omit paragraph (a) of subsection (10A).
- (5) Subsections (4) and (9B) of section 33BC apply to the carrying out by the Secretary of State and the Administrator of their respective functions under this section as they apply to the carrying out by those persons of their functions under that section.
- (6) No person shall be required by virtue of this section to provide any information which he could not be compelled to give in evidence in civil proceedings in the High Court or, in Scotland, the Court of Session.”