

# ENERGY ACT 2013

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 4: Government Pipe-Line and Storage System**

##### *Section 129: Power to dissolve the Oil and Pipelines Agency by order*

534. The Oil and Pipelines Agency is a statutory corporation set up for the purposes of exercising and performing functions assigned to it by the [Oil and Pipelines Act 1985 \(c.62\)](#). The primary function of the Agency is the management of the government pipe-line and storage system.
535. Because section 125 provides that the Secretary of State may sell, lease or transfer the government pipe-line and storage system or any part of it, *subsection (1)* provides that the Secretary of State may, by order, repeal the Oil and Pipelines Act 1985 and dissolve the Oil and Pipelines Agency.
536. *Subsection (2)* provides that if the Agency is dissolved under *subsection (1)*, the Secretary of State may make a scheme for the transfer to the Secretary of State of property, rights and liabilities (a “transfer scheme”).
537. *Subsection (3)* provides that Schedule 13 makes further provision about such a transfer scheme.
538. *Paragraph 1* of Schedule 13 makes further provision for the effect of a transfer scheme and for what the things that may be transferred under a transfer scheme include. *Paragraph 2* provides that a transfer scheme may make certain kinds of provision.
539. [Section 153](#) makes provision in relation to the modification of a transfer scheme and provides that a transfer scheme may make incidental, supplementary and consequential provision.